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### **Star guest**

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## 10 due in court over violence at party

TEN young men from the Welshpool area have been charged with violent disorder after a lengthy police investigation into a serious disturbance at a house party. West Mercia Police made a series of arrests following the disorder in Maesbrook on December 14 last year. Officers have continued to

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Officers have continued to investigate and have now charged 10 men with violent disorder. They are aged between 18 and 22.
The men have all been given bail to appear before Shrewsbury magistrates.
They are due to appear before Shrewsbury magistrates.
They are due to appear at court hearings today (Thursday) and on August 8.
One of the men is also charged with possession of an offensive weapon and dangerous driving.
About 50 people were invited to the party but trouble broke out when a group of uninvited people arrived between 10pm and 10.30pm.
At least 10 people were assaulted suffering various injuries, some requiring hospital treatment.
Damage to the house and to several cars ran into thousands of pounds.
West Midlands Ambulance Service sent three ambulances and a rapid response car to the scene after reports of disorder.
In addition to the patients taken to hospital by a friend.

### **Top minister** visits town

THE economy of Welshpool was put under the spotlight by the Welsh Assembly during a visit by a top minister yesterday. Edwina Hart, minister for

Edwina Hart, minister for economy, science and transport, was given a tour of the town and its businesses. A short private meeting was held with the mayor, Councillor John Meredith, and other members of the council before Mrs Hart was shown around the main streets of the town centre, the market hall and Tourist Information Centre in Information Church Street. Centre

## IRACLE OP FOR E BET

A SIX-year-old cancer sufferer from Mid Wales had her arm and shoulder removed and rushed across a city to another hospital where

by Andrew Morris

## Consortium set to take over at hotel

A CONSORTIUM of local investors has stepped forward to take over the reins at one of the biggest hotels in Mid Wales.

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The Grade II listed former coaching inn which stands next to Montgomery Castle overlooking the town's market place was put on the market for £595,000 in March and did not take long to be snapped up. The final selling price has not been revealed but the consortium has vowed to work on a five-year plan to restore the hotel to its former glory.

Mr Cadwallader has been joined in the venture by his wife Rhian, his sister Clare and her husband Simon Cousins along with friends Simon and Elaine Bedford.

Mr Cadwallader said: "Living in the town I had been thinking about buying the Dragon for some time and after talking it over with our friends and family we decided to we for it."

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"Montgomery is still a significant des-tination and we believe the town needs to offer the very best facilities to maintain its historic appeal.
"We will be aiming to offer good classic."

"We will be aiming to offer good classic food to a wide range of visitors and locals."

shoulder removed and rushed across a city to another hospital where it was treated and then re-attached to her body.

Bethan Evans, from Llangadfan, near Welshpool, was diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma, a form of bone cancer, on her left arm in February last year and underwent an eight-hour operation at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, Birmingham.

Surgeons removed her left arm and shoulder before taking it by ambulance across the city to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital to be irradiated to kill off any cancerous cells.

The arm and shoulder were then painstakingly reattached to Bethan's tiny body and she is now making an incredible recovery.

Due to the treatment and operation, Bethan has no feeling in her humerus bone but can still move her arm, hand and fingers. Her mother Lynne Evans said Bethan has fractured the humerus bone twice without noticing.

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She said the next big step for Bethan comes at the age of nine when she returns to hospital to have a platinum bone coated in silver inserted. Mrs Hughes said: "Due to the treatment, her arm bone is not strong enough and that's why she needs the platinum bone. As she grows, the doctors will be able to extend the bone every so often with a magnet from outside her body."

Bethan will have routine follow-up scans at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and Birmingham Children's Hospital every three months until she is 18, but her parents feel that's a small price to pay for having their daughter alive and well.

To mark her treatment and recovery, family members and friends are planning a marathon bike ride to raise money for two cancer charities.

#### Support

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Bethan's father, Arwel will set off with 22 supporters from Holyhead on September 4 and cycle 220 miles, arriving in Cardiff two days later to raise money for the Kids Cancer Charity, formerly The Christian Lewis Trust and Breast Cancer Campaign. They hope to raise more than £4,000 to support the charities. Mrs Hughes adds: "The surgeons are the best in the world and the staff in the hospitals are all wonderful.

"We as a family want to raise awareness of their brilliant work and give something back to all the wonderful people and charities that have helped us and others in our community over the past 18 months.

"We have chosen the Kids Cancer Charity as this non-government funded charity has already paid for us as a family to enjoy the magic of Disneyland Paris and arranged for us to spend another wonderful holiday in their caravan in Aberystwyth.

"We have also chosen to support the Breast Cancer Campaign."

For fundraising updates visit www.face book.com/bethanevans06

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To sponsor the cyclists, go to www.just giving.com/teams/lae



Bethan Evans hugs her father Arwel, watched by mum Lynne and sister Amy as they prepare for the marathon sponsored bike ride.

## **President** tells of high hopes for town show

THE president of Oswestry Show believes Saturday's event will be better than ever thanks to improvements at the showground. Thousands are expected to converge on the Oswestry Agricultural Society's showground at Park Hall for the 128th show and visitors will be able to enjoy the many

128th show and visitors will be able to enjoy the many improvements carried out over the past 18 months to the 37-acre showground.

Thanks to a grant from Shropshire Council's market towns revitalisation programme, improvements have been made to roads and disabled car parks, a new roof has been completed on the show pavilion and there

roof has been completed on the show pavilion and there is a new grandstand for the main ring. Meredydd Hughes said: "The improve-ments are wonderful for the show and will only add to what we offer people on show day and throughout the year. Oswestry Show has remained a successful show. remained a successful show. I believe, because of the volunteers that work with our

unteers that work with our full-time manager to keep it running." Mr Hughes said. "We have a very young committee which works extremely hard and we have generation after generation of families who get involved." involved.

The main ring entertainment will be provided by Moto-Stunt International

### **Teenager on** bus charge

A TEENAGER has appeared in court after a bus crashed into a shelter in Shrewsbury, causing more than £26,000 in damage.

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Alwyn Llewlyn Jones, 18,
appeared at Shrewsbury
Crown Court this week
when his case was adjourned
until September 9. He is
expected to enter a plea to a
criminal damage charge,
after he previously denied
aggravated vehicle taking.
Jones, of Llanfair Caereinion near Welshpool,

inion near Welshpool, pleaded not guilty to the charge involving a single-decker bus and a shelter.



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## Pylon concerns may take Mayor is appeal centre stage at top show

THE impact controversial power line plans will have on farmers is expected to be brought into sharp focus at one of the area's most prestigious agricultural shows.

Staff from Davis Meade Property Consultants say they expect concerns over plans to build pylons through the area to take centre stage at this year's Oswestry Show. ar's Oswestry Show.

The Oswestry-based consultants will be giving free property and business advice on their trade stand at the show, which takes place at the town's show-ground on Saturday.

They say they expect pylons and politics in terms of European agricultural policy refrom will be but ton-

pylons and politics in terms of European agricultural policy reform will be hot topics of conversation. Staff can help farmers and property owners to find out more about topical issues like renewable energy, rent reviews and compensation claims.

Compensation

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Philip Meade from the
firm said: "We are expecting
wind farms and compensation for electrical apparatus
like pylons to be hot topics
this summer and also the
changing single farm payment and grant regime following the CAP reform
negotiations in Europe."
Davis Meade attends sev-

negotiations in Europe."
Davis Meade attends several shows in summer sharing with the Farmers' Union of Wales but takes its own stand at Oswestry Show.
National Grid is currently working on proposals to

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tion claims

### Consultation launched on the future of rail services

A CONSULTATION has been launched into the future of rail services between Shropshire and Mid Wales in a bid to improve value for money.

The National Assembly for Wales' enterprise and business committee has started a consultation on the Wales and Borders Rail Franchise, which is cur-rently held by Arriva Trains Wales.

It said it wants to hear from people who use the service to find out how it can be improved when the fran-chise is next handed out in five years' time.

The contract was awarded in 2003 by the Department of Transport in London for 15 years, with the new franchise beginning in 2018.

Anyone wishing to submit evidence to the enquiry can e-mail: enterprise.com mittee@wales.gov.uk or write to Dr Sian Phipps, Clerk, Enterprise and Business Committee National ness Committee, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA by Septem-ber 13.

## Walkers step out for challenge



Katie Harding and Rosemary and Megan Charman begin their 135-mile walk, flagged away by Stewart Charman.

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INTREPID charity walkers Megan and Rosemary Charman along with Katie Harding set off on Saturday morning on the first part of their 135-mile fundraising effort.

Megan and Katie, both 15 and pupils at Llanfair Caereninon High School, and Megan's mum Rosemary, who works for Welshpool Town Council, are walking Glynary's Way - the national trail that starts at Knighton, finishes by the canal in Welshpool around 30 miles away, but inbetween winds through the Mid Wales hills for a total build a power line from a substation at Cefn Coch near Llanfair Caereinion to Lower Frankton near Lower Frankton near Oswestry so electricity gen-erated by proposed wind-farms in Mid Wales can be carried to the national net-work. The firm is still to announce which parts of the line will be carried overhead on pylons and which parts will be buried underground.

## **Mayor in** for public opinion

THE mayor of Oswestry wants to hear public opinion on a wide range of topics at a drop in session at the Guildhall today (Thursday). Councillor Chris Schofield and town clerk David Preston will have an open forum between 3pm and 5pm at the Guildhall on the Bailey Head.

It is the first in a series planned for local residents to meet the mayor and town clerk.

The mayor said: "I have

clerk.

The mayor said: "I have set out this year to meet as many people as possible to hear their views and thoughts about Oswestry and their council. We try and communicate as widely as possible and always invite feedback and this is a further attempt to give local people a chance to meet me people a chance to meet me and hear first-hand views and concerns.

Town clerk Mr Preston said it was a time of change for Oswestry and the council was keen to measure public

was keen to measure public opinion.

He said there were changes on the High Street and changes at the Smith-field livestock market.

field livestock market.

Oswestry was also anticipating a windfall payment in connection with the Smithfield land.

He said people may also wish to talk about the economy, planning, the road system or perhaps some of the other things the town council was involved in through partnership working, such as the NHS in Oswestry.

#### Coffee morning for play scheme

THE Welshpool Get Going Gang will be holding a coffee morning in aid of the Sum-mer Play Scheme on Satur-day.

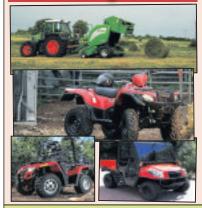
The event takes place in The Corn Exchange at Welshpool Town Hall from 9.30am to 1pm.

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## spent in hospital

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ried out at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital to ensure more patients are discharged within a few days of major surgery, bosses have been told.

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Nearly half of hip patients already leave within three days of surgery, but work is being done to get more patients up and out, directors have been told.

Clinical director Sudheer Karlakki said patient care would not be compromised but said research was being done into ways to get patients home more quickly. He added work was continuing to optimise bed space, use improved surgical and dressing techniques and to use minimal invasive surgery, keeping wounds to a minimum.

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He said: "This will help patients to get up to walk about better. It is about sending patients home safely and more quickly.

"We have managed to get our length of stay down but still have a proportion of patients staying longer."

Mr Karlakki said recent research found that 42 per cent of hip patients were discharged within three days of surgery. He added more would be done to look at why patients were waiting for 10 or 12 days before discharge.

The issues were reported

The issues were reported to a meeting of the hospital's board of directors.

#### **Fellowship hosts** its July meeting

THE Oswestry Group of the Civil Service Retirement Fellowship held their July meeting at the Wynnstay Hotel.

The August lunch will take place at The Marina, Chirk on August 13. Any members who wish to go but have not put their names on the list can phone Jan Stokes on (01691) 654380.

## Moves to Drug addict shoplifter sent to farm for rehabilitation

AN Oswestry woman with a long record of shoplifting to fund her drugs habit has escaped a prison sentence and has instead been sent to a rehabilitation centre on a farm.

Justina Winson, 33, of Greenfield Square, Morda, was told she was being given her very last chance to mend her ways when she appeared at Shrewsbury Crown Court. On Friday she appeared before the crown court after admitting the theft of whisky and cognac from Marks & Spencer in Smithfield Road, Oswestry, at an earlier hearing at Shrewsbury Magistrates Court.

at Shrewsbury Magistrates Court. Mr Recorder Edward Coke sentenced Winson to a 12 month community order with a condition that she

take up a seven-week resi-dential stay at the Willow-dene Farm Centre in Shropshire. Winson was taken to the centre straight after the court hearing.

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and sne also had a problem with drug dependency.

"She has in the past mixed with the wrong people. This has led her to commit offences," he said.

### Volunteers to teach life saving skills at library

VOLUNTEERS from St John Ambulance will be at Oswestry Library every Thursday in August to teach basic life saving skills to chil-dren and adults.

dren and adults.

Oswestry Library runs free, happy hour drop-in sessions from 4-5pm in the summer holidays, when everyone is welcome to go along and

learn something new.

The sessions will be led by local St John Ambulance unit leader Jason Amyes. They will cover vital first aid skills such as how to put someone in the recovery position, keyr to help someones. tion, how to help someone who is choking and an intro-duction to Cardio Pulmonary duction to Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation, for situations where a person is uncon-scious and not breathing. Mr Amyes said: "By com-ing along to one of our drop

in sessions this summer, we can equip people with a few skills that could help them stay safe and happy over the holidays."



Get lost in amazing maize maze

In the Maize Maze at Park Hall, near Oswestry, was Jeffrey Goodwin and grand-daughter Megan O' Rourke.

IT MAY have been named after Maisy the cow, but she won't be allowed any-where near the latest draw at a tourist attraction near Oswestry.

mr. onences, ne said.

Mr Smith said Winson
had been offered a place at
Willowdene – a working
farm which allows clients to
learn new skills at the same
time as dealing with their
addiction problems. A new maze in a maize field has opened at Park Hall Countryside Expeience – and it really is good enough to

Maisy's Maze opened yesterday (Wednesday) and was an instant hit with families who were able to try to

find their way into the centre before finding their way out.

Spokeswoman Rachael Mottram said the maze, which won't survive the

forthcoming harvest, was always popular with seasonal visitors.

ular with seasonal visitors.
"We named the maze after Maisy,
who is the cow that we keep for showing our visitors hand milking."
"Unfortunately Maisy wont be
allowed into the maze as she would

probably cause havoc and have a go a eating her way through the puzzle.

"Our visitors are always amazed have the formula for the state of the control of the state of the sta

how much fun you can have getting

now much run you can nave getting lost! You don't need to pay extra for the maze, it's all part of the farm visit.

"Just wander along and get lost – it's a field full of fun. Go as fast as you can or as slow as you like, explore the labyrinth of pathways and discover just what lies around each corner."

## Police say boy racers risk losing their cars

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DANGEROUS drivers who meet at a town car park could lose their cars in a police crackdown on speed-

police cracus ing.
Officers in Oswestry are Officers in Oswestry are threatening to seize cars if young motorists gathering at the top of Gatacre Avenue continue to drive in a dan-gerous and anti-social man-

gerous and anti-social man-ner.
The warning follows com-plaints made to police by nearby residents.
They say drivers meeting up on the car park at the top of the street are travelling at speed, putting them and others at risk.
Police Community Sun-

Police Community Sup-port Officer Hannah Breeze a member of the Oswestry Town Safer Neighbourhood Team, said: "To get to the car park, you have to go through a residential area which has a sharp bend and parrow roads

which has a sharp bend and narrow roads. "When we patrol the area, this is one of the key issues of concern when residents speak to us. These incidents are happening from 6pm onwards on various days. "If it continues, those

"If it continues, those responsible risk having their cars seized under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act."

of the Police Reform Act."
She added: "We will continue to work with residents to overcome this problem. If people make a complaint, I would urge them to try and provide registration numbers for the offending cars."

#### **Wynnstay agrees** to £7m buyout

AGRICULTURAL group Wynnstay has announced it has agreed a deal to buy out a farm stores group for £7.2 million.

The rapidly expanding Llansantffraid-based group is buying out Carmarthen and Pumsaint Farmers Limited, which has seven stores selling agricultural goods.







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## Concern over council plan to axe staff and sell Shirehall

1.700 council staff and sell Shrewsbury's Shirehall.

The moves are among new measures to cut a further £80 million from Shropshire Coun-

cil's budget Shirehall bosses have confirmed the authority is looking to sell off its main Shrewsbury offices and that half its workers, excluding those employed in schools, will lose their jobs

in the next two years.

The authority currently has a workforce of 4,674 staff, not including school staff. This by lain St John

Homes plan

is approved

MORE homes will be built on a village housing estate despite parish objections. Shropshire Council planners approved the six additional homes on the Badgers Green site off Station Road in Llanymynech.

The approval was granted despite parish councillors claiming the extra traffic gener-

councillors claiming the extra traffic generated would bring a road safety danger.

Applicants Persimmon said it needed to add homes to the site because "problematic market conditions have meant that the larger family houses have been difficult to sell. The changes reflected the increased demand for smaller, more affordable dwellings. The application replaced 18 houses with 24.

Shropshire Council planning officers recommended the application should be granted and councillors followed the recommended the recommended the recommended that the state of the state of

mendation at their north planning commit-

r 4,674 start, not including school start. This equates to 3,889 full-time positions.

Members of Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council were briefed on the cuts by their Shropshire Councillor Arthur Walpole at a meeting on Thursday.

He told them the £80 million savings would be made over four years and staff would go because they were a large proper.

would go because they were a large propor-tion of the council's costs. Councillor Wal-pole said plans were also being put together to look at what buildings and land could be sold off.

#### **Stages**

Stages

He said: "Letters have gone out to staff asking them to express an interest in early voluntary retirement. It is very early stages and nobody knows how that will work out. "If you have to make extensive savings you have to start out on that early. "Shirehall is a relatively old building which needs high maintenance." Parish councillor Peter McConville said he was concerned about the cuts.

He said: "I was always told in business the main asset you had was the workforce. "It seems a shame it has come to this." Parish council chairman Councillor Dilys Gaskill said the cuts would have large implications on Shrewsbury and in the county. She said: "It is going to make it difficult for people's livelihoods. A lot of our young professional people started at the council. "I am sure there will be lots of discussions about it to take place."

about it to take place.

## Run then rock for charity



Kirk Brandon will be on stage at The Westwood helping raise money for charity on Saturday.

RUNNERS and walkers will be setting off on a 5k route at Welshpool on Saturday in a Let's Kill Cancer Run2, followed by a night of acoustic entertainment at the Westwood, which will include musician Kirk Brandon.

The event in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and Marie Curie Cancer Care starts and finishes at The Westwood.

Registrations open at 10am with the event at 11am. The £5 entry fee covers a bottle of water during the race, food and soft drink after and entry to the evening show.

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## Saturday closures

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COUNCILLORS in Llan-

The Saturday closure of Llanfyllin sports centre has

Llanfyllin sports centre has been announced by Powys County Council bosses as part of a wide ranging programme of efficiency savings.

Llanfyllin town councillors criticised the closure plans, which will come into effect in March, at their monthly meeting last week and announced a special subcommittee will be set up to look at the issue.

Cauncillors said they were

get changed ahead of

The sub-committee will include Llanfyllin's county councillor Peter Lewis.

councillor Peter Lewis.
Councillor Lewis said: "It
is not just the youngsters
who will be affected when
the centre closes on a Saturday, it is the older population
as well. Older people use the
centre for swimming on a
Saturday because it is quieter. I believe Llanfyllin is
outperforming other centres outperforming other centres in its use so we will try to get some figures and see what we can do."

## councillors fighting Local produce to be at the core of apple day

OSWESTRY'S popular Apple Day is growing this year and will celebrate local produce in all its shapes and forms.

This year the organisers of Apple Day will be joining forces with community growing scheme Incredible Edible to celebrate not just apples but local produce in all its shapes and forms.

Apple Day and Home-Grown Oswestry will take place on

October 19 alongside the usual Saturday street marby Sue

usual Saturday street market.

Co-organising the event are Cambrian Railway Orchard Project and high street support group, OSCO, together with Oswestry Incredible Edible and Oswestry Town Market.

Apples will still take centre stage on the Bailey Head with a range of activities and stalls dedicated to apple pressing, growing, baking, related crafts and children's attractions.

But alongside this, the organisers are aiming to create a display of locally raised produce, from potatoes to parsnips, with the help of home-growers, community gardens, allotment groups, local orchards and farms.

"Whether you're growing hore in a window hey rein."

farms.
"Whether you're growing herbs in a window box, rejuvenating neglected patches of ground with community planting, or farming speciality produce, you're welcome to get involved." said Giuliana Becciu of the railway's

**Austin** 

orchard project. The event is also linking up with Oswestry Makes, a new fes-tival celebrating creativity with textiles in a range of workshops and exhibitions running October 12 to 19. The Oswestry Makes organ-isers will be interpreting apples in textiles as one of its themes in a co-promotion its themes in a co-promotion

its themes in a co-promotion with Apple Day.

In a similar format to last year, which featured films and a choir, the day will finish with an evening of live music.

Organised by Noil Philling

music.

Organised by Neil Phillips of Eclectic, 'Folk in the Square' will showcase the music of the area's international community.

Anyone interested in a

Anyone interested in a stall or showing produce at Apple/Home-Grown day should contact David Clough on 07764 772969. Enquiries about 'Folk in the Square' can be made to Neil Phillips on 07751 670576.

## Project to get bells back on song



St Mary's Church bell ringer Rodney Upton with Jude ker from the Lottery Fund take a look inside the bell tower at St Mary's Church in Ellesmere.

A PROJECT to get 300-year-old bells at a church back on song is set to start later this year after thou-sands of pounds were donated to the scheme. Bell ringers at St Mary's Church in Ellesmere have

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now collected almost all of the £90,000 for the refurbishment of the eight bells, thanks to a £40,800 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

Repairs are needed on both the mechanics and the bells themselves, which have not been refurbished for 100

years.
Peter Leigh, spokesman
for the bell ringers, said:
"The total cost of the project
is about \$290,000 and the
Heritage Lottery Fund has
made a substantial grant
towards our costs.
"The money is all covered
now, we are still chasing

now, we are still chasing some and have some charities to go to but the work will start on December 9 and will take about four months

"We'll now start the preparation work of pulling up floor boards to get the

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## TV star takes a trip back in time



TV presenter Christine Bleakley at Whittington Castle.

**TELEVISION** presenter Christine Bleakley took a trip back in time - and onto the water as she visited Whittington Castle for filming for a new show.

The Dancing On Ice presenter spent more than two hours filming at the castle, near Oswestry, for her new ITV1 programme Country Roads.

She gamely swapped her normal glamorous outfits for a more medieval look as she tried on a 15th century-style dress and headwear to fit in with the re-enactment weekend going on at the venue at the same time.

And she even tried her hand at steering a currach boat



Christine in the Curragh with Gary Ball, left, and Colin Mutty, both from History Matters,

with the help of Gary Ball and Colin Mutty from History Matters, who are normally based at Ty Mawr Hall in Mid Wales. Miss Bleakley said she had enjoyed her visit to Shropshire and her first time in a currach.

"It was my first time and the guys were absolutely incredible because they are so passionate about their subject. They were just wonderful," she said.

"I have been to Shropshire before but not to Whittington. It is just beautiful.

by Chris Burn

ton. It is just beautiful.
"Driving along in the morning, it was just gorgeous."

Her new show, which is due to air in the autumn, will see her travel around Britain visiting different parts of the nation and exploring the idea of holidaying at home.

Her visit to Whittington on Saturday came at the start of a busy re-enactment weekend at the castle. Hundreds of people turned up on Saturday and Sunday to watch and because the start of take part in activities such as archery, medieval boat build-

ing and musket firing.

The re-enactment weekend was held at the castle for the second year and was designed to raise money for the upkeep of the site, which is owned and managed through Whittington Castle Preservation Fund.

Mr Ball, who is a project officer for History Matters and



The curragh boat being placed in the moat at the castle



Filming under way as Christine travels across the moat.

was out on the boat with Miss Bleakley, said the star had been a pleasure to work with. "It was good fun. She was very enthusiastic and very keen to learn about what we were doing and very keen to relate it to Shropshire and Shropshire heritage," he said. He said the small boats of the kind used on Saturday

were a regular site on the River Severn from the 12th cen-tury to help get goods down the river when weirs and fish farms made it impossible for larger vessels to get down narrow stretches.

Castle manager Sue Ellis said: "We are hoping this is going to go from strength to strength and hoping to do different periods."

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## Treasure hunt is launched in town



TOWN councillors, library staff and are being urged to visit various busibusiness leaders have got their heads

business leaders have got their neads together to launch an unusual treasure hunt around Oswestry.

The hunt is part of the town's summer reading challenge this year.
The challenge is being run with a
Creepy House theme and youngsters

The hunt ties in with a challenge for youngsters in Oswestry to read six

books during the summer holidays to foster a love of reading. Participating children will find

ses and markets stalls in the town

Creepy House characters hidden on several indoor market stalls and in Booka Bookshop, Pickles, Honey Pots and Mollie's Sweet Shop. Prizes include a Monsters v Zombies Play Set, a £10 book token, a singing puffin and a £5 voucher for Mollie's.

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## Free parking on double yellow lines – it's madness

THERE'S a lot of truth in the saying that "the lunatics are running the asylum" – and it looks like some of them are in very senior positions in Government.

You might like to consider whether communities secretary Eric Pickles falls into that bracket as he proposes letting people park on double yellow lines.

Mr Pickles agrees with the High Street guru Mary Portas that fear of hefty parking fines is "killing High Streets" and encouraging people to go online or shop at out of town centres. But his double yellow lines proposals are absolute madness.

Under the scheme motorists could be

proposals are absolute madness. Under the scheme motorists could be allowed to park free of charge on double yellow lines for up to 15 minutes with a "grace period" to pick up goods from shops. Currently parking and waiting on double yellow lines is prohibited – unless stated – for all vehicles except for those making commercial deliveries and pick-ups, blue badge holders and the emergency services.



Giving a 15-minute amnesty would be impossible to police and without doubt would be abused and that's before you consider the absolute mayhem such a move would produce in some towns – Welshpool and Oswestry for instance.

Mr Pickles is to be congratulated for, at least, recognising the problems facing town centre businesses but his proposal is so flawed that already he faces mounting opposition from all sorts of quarters.

Surely the simple solution is to reduce parking charges, which was one of the main

recommendations of a 2011 review into the future of the High Street led by the TV retail expert Mary Portas.

I don't remember her mentioning park-

ing on double yellows.

Imagine the scene at the Church Street junction in Welshpool, which is already a nightmare to negotiate since going one-way, when people are allowed to park for 15 min-

Double yellow lines keep traffic moving and people safe. There are far better ways to attract people to High Streets.

A 15-minute window for parking will be impossible to monitor, we simply don't have enough police on the beat or traffic wardens on the planet.

#### 

OUR National Health Service is a sitting target for the critics but a story this week emphasises just how great the service can

Today's front page lead story about how

the Queen Elizabeth and Royal Orthopaedic Hospitals in Birmingham combined to per-form life-saving procedures on a six year old from Llangadfan in Mid Wales is one of the

iron Langadan in Mid waters is one of the most remarkable I have ever seen.

The child's arm and shoulder were removed at one hospital, transported to the other for radiation treatment and then returned and reattached to Bethan Evans' tiny body.

I know from first hand experience what brilliont wark is carried out at the Oueon

brilliant work is carried out at the Queen Elizabeth, when doctors saved the life of my

son.

It's easy to criticise and now that people

It's easy to criticise and now that people have clearer routes to the complaints desk more and more are willing to point to the failings of the service.

But we really do need to celebrate our National Health Service a bit more. Cases like Bethan Evans emphasise just how lucky the service to live in a country with which years to the live in a country with which years to the live in a country with which years to the live in a country with which years to the live in a country with which years to the live in a country with which years to the live in a country with which years to the live in a country with which years to the live in a country with which years to the live in a country with which years to the live in the l we are to live in a country with such an advanced medical system.

## Spate of crimes leads police to issue Farmwatch scheme plea

#### by Graham Breeze

A RECENT spate of crimes in the rural areas of North Powys bordering Shropshire and North Wales has led to police issuing a reminder to farmers to think about setting up Farmwatch schemes.

In recent weeks, farms and isolated properties around Llanfyllin, Meifod, Llanymynech and Four Crosses have suffered thefts and burglaries from outbuild-

ings.
Padlocks have been broken off possibly with an axe or heavy hammer. Items stolen include scrap metals, batteries and power tools like chainsaws and hedge trimmers.
These thefts have frequently occurred between Monday and Wednesday and at

times when properties may be vulnerable with farmers away at market.
"We believe that the offenders may visit

"We believe that the offenders may visit the area pretending to want to buy scrap metal but they will take advantage when they find vulnerable or unoccupied premises," said Inspector Jon Tatton, of Dyfed Powys Police.
"And these are exactly the kind of crimes which Farmwatch schemes are set up to try and prevent. I ask residents in rural areas to record any identifying features and serial numbers of items of value and keep them as secure as possible. secure as possible

secure as possible.

"They should also be vigilant and take index numbers of any suspicious vehicles. Please don't hesitate to contact us with the last sighting of these vehicles and their direction of travel. Hopefully by working together in this way we can prevent these rural crimes from happening." "In the meantime, farmers and residents living in rural areas can help us develop a rural policing strategy by completing a short questionnaire at www.dyfed-powys.pol

ice.uk/en/have-your-say

The calls follows local police linking up





PCSO Gary Gwilt PCSO Richard Waldron farmer Alan Hughes and Steve Kenyon from the NFU in Welshpool.

with colleagues at NFU Cymru earlier this

with colleagues at NFU Cymru earlier this year to warn farmers of any crime in their areas and to offer crime prevention advice.

The new scheme comes under the Farmwatch banner and sees short messages being sent out to NFU Cymru who will then forward those messages on to the farmers who live in affected areas and who need to know the information.

"It's all about being dynamic with the way we compunicate information on crimes."

way we communicate information on crimes which are happening in our rural and out-lying areas," said Sergeant Jon Rees. "There may be a situation where we are get-

ting calls of metal thefts in a rural area and want to alert farmers to be on the look-

out.
"Forewarning them in this way will not

only help us in having extra eyes and ears looking out for the culprits, but also help the farmers to protect their property. "We're not looking to scare people by doing this. Rather it's a form of empowerment. We'll also be sending brief messages of the control of the contro offering crime prevention advice where appropriate. Hopefully, it will attract a lot of interest with farmers."

Welshpool NFU Cymru Group Secretary,

Steve Kenyon said: "The uptake has been

fantastic.
"It provides an early warning mechanism for our members and offers local, specialised information relevant to the Welshpool area. Information is passed on from Dyfed Powys Police to myself and from there a text is swiftly sent to all members who wish to be kept informed of incidents in their area.

"I urge all members who wish to take the total contracts of this beneficial cabons to set in

advantage of this beneficial scheme to get in touch with the Welshpool NFU Cymru group office on (01938) 552272 or you can call the police on 101."

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If you want to stay in occupation, you should try to agree terms with your Landlord immediately, either by signing a new lease or an agreement to lease.

If you have security of tenure and the Landlord is unwilling to agree terms for a new lease, you may apply to the court for a new Lease by serving upon the Landlord a Section 26 Request for a New Tenancy. If the Landlord still refuses to grant a new lease the court will fix the terms of the new lease

Due to strict time limits for serving a request for a new lease it is vital that you seek legal advice about the process BEFORE your present

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## Come and Fears raised by visits to hospital pay visit to huge shore base

THERE is nothing like a letter to the editor, or an article on its own in the local paper, to arouse comment, controversy, criticism, and co-operation – and, in the case of a recent letter I sent, confirmation and contact.

The HMS Collingwood Association is trying to

Association is trying to reunite those who served at

reunite those who served at the massive shore establishment in Hampshire.

Readers will remember the letter because I made reference to the fact that 'Hitler tried to sink the shore base'.

The letter was not only read, but cut out and sent to relatives across the world.

So who are we looking for? Anybody who served at HMS Collingwood from its first day in 1940 to the present day who would like to

first day in 1940 to the present day who would like to make another visit to see how things have changed. If any readers served at HMS Collingwood and would like details of the association, write to membership secretary Peter Lacey, Heathfield, Lapford, Crediton, Devon EX17 6PZ or send an e-mail to or send an e-mail to placey58@btinternet.com MIKE CROWE The HMS Collingwood

## OVER the past three weeks my family and I have spent many hours by a bed in a Shropshire hospital comforting an

in a Shropshire hospital comforting an elderly parent.

While sitting for hours on end I watched the daily life of a hospital ward and the comings and goings of staff carrying out their duties, cleaners, meal trollies, newspapers and various other essential services.

In an attempt to keep the wards reasonably germ free there are numerous hand gel dispensers for use by vis-

itors, which is a good idea, as long as they are used. One very essential duty we watched every day was the nurse with a trolley that monitors blood pres-

with a trolley that monitors blood pressure, temperature and heart rate.

This entails a clip which fits on a finger, a band which is wrapped around a bare arm and a probe which is applied to the patient's forehead.

This trolley goes from bed to bed checking every patient's vital signs. I don't know how many beds this trolley visits, but there were six beds in this

ward and many others on that floor.

I never saw any cleaning of the instruments I previously mentioned

instruments 1 previously mentioned between beds, so any germs, viruses or infections, could so easily be spread from one patient to the next.

This is in no way criticism of the care in the wards, it is just an observation — maybe these instruments were sterilised out of view, and one can only hope they were.

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AS you can see, this is 'King Oswald's Well in Oswestry', as seen in an undated, but perhaps 1920s, postcard. And also, as you will notice, it looks as if at the time the picture was taken there was a means to drink the water.

The postcard comes from the collection of regular contributor Ray Farlow.

### Help needed at museum

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Museum at Llandrindod
Wells is one of the leading
bicycle museums in the
world and was officially
opened on March 21, 1997.
The museum has more

than 200 bicycles on display, with a similar number in the off-site stores.

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We encourage children to visit and take home a souvenir drawing of their favourite bicycle.

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### Why won't they put CCTV in abattoirs?

SINCE Animal Aid first began exposing widespread and commonplace cruelty inside UK slaughterhouses four years ago, we have campaigned for mandatory CCTV to be ago, we have campa installed in abattoirs.

installed in abattoirs.

The supermarkets listened and acted quickly but the government continues to lag behind. No fewer than 118 MPs have signed a statement in support of this campaign; more than 1,000 vets signed a petition in support of compulsory cameras, with TV vets Emma Milne and Peter Wedderburn also lending their support.

In polls the public agreed overwhelmingly with mandatory cameras; respondents to the government's own consultation want CCTV; and yet the government still says no.

Without Animal Aid's cameras in place, no-one would ever have known the extent of the brutality inside UK slaughterhouses.

slaughterhouses.

Now we do know, why won't the government act? Is it afraid of what these cameras might show?

KATE FOWLER, Animal Aid

## it take so long to

with a locum.

I was not even asked the reason for seeking an appointment or if there was a degree of urgency involved and, when I mildly remonstrated, was told that two of

or otherwise ensuring that they were adequately staffed.

could do without this sort of hassle.

The receptionist was very polite and sympathetic but quite adamant that nothing could be arranged earlier, unless a cancellation occurred – and the responsibility was placed upon me to make daily inquiries as to that situation.

Otherwise, every doctor

Otherwise, every doctor was fully booked for at least

was fully booked for at least that period of time. No wonder hospital A & E departments are receiving much greater attention. CHRIS LOVELL

### **Road signs** obscured

I WAS surprised to discover that adults in the UK have an extraordinary £2.3 billion of leftover foreign currency lying around at home.

According to a YouGov poll, commissioned by easy-Jet, in the West Midlands alone £361 million is left discarded at home.

UNICEF work vaccinating children against deadly diseases.
Every day, thousands of children die needlessly from preventable diseases when the cost of providing a life-saving vaccine is a mere 40p.

I would urge holidaymakers to donate their leftover currency to UNICEF, on board easyJet's aircraft, and help save children's lives. Don't allow your euros to linger at home after your holiday.

CATHERINE I FEEL sorry for any poor stranger who has to rely on road signs these days, because most of them are completely obscured by veg-etation – and people who are lost are a danger to other imnatient road users. impatient road users. Have councils not yet dis

covered that very useful tool called a chainsaw?

called a chainsaw?
Verges and roundabouts
are also neglected, restricting visibility and decorated
with the beautiful, pernicious yellow flower, ragwort,
which has now spread to
fields, gardens and other
areas.

Dealing with it will now cost a fortune – using selective weedkiller would have nipped the problem in the bud.

RON JONES Oswestry

## Why does see a GP?

WHAT is to become of our WHAT is to become of our NHS? I called to make an appointment to see a doctor a few days ago, and was asked if I would be prepared to be seen by any of the doctors (which I accepted) and was then told the first available appointment was three weeks ahead and would be with a locum.

strated, was told that two of the doctors at the practice were "away". Presumably, there is no system of seeking help from nearby practices on a recip-rocal basis, taking into account the diversity factor, or otherwise ensuring that

What do they do if there is real urgency, I wonder? Dial 999? I am in my mid-80s and could do without this sort of

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#### in brief

#### £289 is raised in street collection

street collection
ALMOST £300 was raised during a street collection in Welshpool in aid of Arthritis Research UK.
The collection raised £289 for the charity and organiser Ruth Owen said: I want to thank our wonderful volunteers in Welshpool who come along and spend hours collecting in the morning and to the people of Welshpool who give so generously. "We collected more this year than we have in any year during the past 11 years, which is a fantastic achievement."
Anyone wanting to support the charity can call (01492) 518760.

#### Crews called out to shed blaze

FIREFIGHTERS tackled a shed fire on a farm near Welshpool.

Crews from Llanfair Caereinion and Llanfyllin attended the blaze at the farm at Foel at 4.39am on Monday.

A spokeswoman for Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service, said: "When crews arrived there was a large shed well alight and we used two hose reel jets to extinguish the flames."

#### Theft of purse

A PURSE containing £300 in Scottish £20 notes has been stolen from a car parked in Welshpool. Call Dyfed-Powys Police on 101.

## **Vote for life-saving double** yellow lines outside school

A CHILD will be killed unless double yellow lines are brought in on a road outside a Welshpool primary school, councillors have claimed. Welshpool Town Council voted to put double yellow lines along Howell Drive leading up to Ysgol Maesydre in the town at a meeting last week after hearing that current parking arrangements are a danger to pupils. In addition, the school's governing body said it would be writing to any parent flouting the new lines and "take them to task".

The council was discussing controversial plans to change double yellow lines and parking

restrictions in the town and debated Powvs

restrictions in the town and debated Powys County Council's plans to review double yel-low lines for a second time. Councillors said the current situation outside the school was a danger to the chil-dren and recommended Powys County Council brings in the double yellow lines immediately. Councillor David Senior said: "Yellow lines are essential here.

Councillor David Senior said: "Yellow lines are essential here.
"Parents park along there as they don't want to walk 20 yards. Parents need to take responsibility before something happens, we need those lines."

Killed

Councillor Steve Kaye added: "This town was not designed for cars. We will get someone killed if we carry on as we are. The way some of these parents are is they think their car is their palace and nobody can move them."

Councillor John Corfield said it was a "matter of life or death"

Councillor John Corfield said it was a "matter of life or death".

He added: "What would the town's reaction be if we took no action now while we had chance and a child is then killed? It could happen unless we take action"
Councillor Phil Pritchard, who is also a governor at the school, said parents will be written to and anybody caught parking on the double yellow lines would be dealt with.

The changes will be made by the county council, but it has asked Welshpool Town Council for its views before going ahead.

#### by Graham Breeze

## Trapped ducks are rescued

A MOTHER duck and her 10 ducklings had

A MOTHER duck and her 10 ducklings had to be rescued after becoming trapped in a culvert at a public house in Welshpool.

The RSPCA rescued the ducks, which had become trapped at the Raven Inn. RSPCA animal welfare officer Claire Davies rescued the family and said none of the ducks were injured and said they were last seen swimming away upstream happily.

Karen Hier, RSPCA spokeswoman, said the animals were stuck in front of a trash screen which prevents debris entering the water.

"The ducks were positioned precariously in front of a trash screen which prevents

"The ducks were positioned precariously in front of a trash screen which prevents debris entering the water just five inches from the water. As heavy rain was forecast for the area the ducks were in danger of being washed away.

"When RSPCA animal welfare officer Claire Davies arrived she realised that there was no way for the ducks to get back up to the top."

## Staff brew up £3,000 for charity



Customer service advisors Rachael Jones and Claire Jones with branch manager Sarah Jones.

STAFF at the West Brom Building Society offices in Welshpool have helped raise almost £3,000 for their char-ity of the year, Marie Curie Cancer Care.

The branch on Severn Street hosted a "Blooming Great Tea Party", serving tea and homemade cakes to its customers in exchange for donations.

A total of 25 West Brom branches took part in the event to support Marie Curie's vital work caring for terminally ill people in their own homes and in its nine hospices.

Branch Manager Sarah

own homes and in its nine hospices.

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"It's wonderful to be able to support such a deserving cause which cares for people and their families under the most challenging circum-stances."

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## **Councillors** turn down cash from developer

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COUNCILLORS in Welsh-pool have refused to accept money designed for commu-nity benefit from a wind farm developer saying they would feel "hypocrites" if

would feel "hypocrites" if they did.

As predicted in last week's Chronicle, Welshpool Town Council said it would not accept any money from West Coast Energy which plans to build the 12-turbine Tirgwynt wind farm near Carno and is asking for groups to come forward to submit applications for comunity projects which need munity projects which need a funding boost.

munity projects which need a funding boost.

In addition, one member of the council, Councillor Steve Kaye said he wanted to tell West Coast Energy to "stick it where the sun doesn't shine" and likened the payments to "bribes".

He said: "We all know where we stand on wind farms. I am fed up of the Montgomeryshire hills being desecrated by wind turbines and the lorries bringing the parts will destroy our towns. No, no, no. We will stick up for ourselves. I am happy to look any barrister in the face and tell him that we do not want them here."

West Coast Energy wants to donate £15,000 per year for as long as the wind turbines are running to local community councils, but Welshood Town Council

community councils, but Welshpool Town Council voted at its meeting to reject any offer of funding.

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## Town optometrist eyes a top award



Jonathan Partridge and his wife Beverley in the Welshpool business.

### by Graham Breeze

AN optometrist from Welshpool been nominated for a national award after receiving

national award after receiving
"exceptional" patient praise.
Jonathan Partridge, of Jonathan Partridge Optometrists in High Street, Welshpool, is in the running for the 'Optometrist of the Year' award as part of the Macular Society's Awards for Excellence.

The society says the nomination recognises his exceptionally good practice in the care of people with macular degeneration.

care of people with macular degeneration.
Age-related macular degeneration affects
the central vision and is the most common
cause of sight loss in the UK. More people are affected as our population ages.

#### Honoured

Mr Partridge said: "I am extremely honoured and privileged to be nominated. It is a pleasure to know I make a difference in peoples' lives.

"With my new 3D scanner that can show a cross section image of the macula, I will now be able to able to identify and monitor these conditions even more precisely. I love helping with the differing needs of mypatients. They are all very friendly; everyone is like an old friend. I wouldn't swap this job for the world."

Mr Partridge's nomination will now be handed over to the judges, who will decide on the overall winners and present them with their awards at the society's annual London conference on September 28.

For information, advice or support concerning macular degeneration, contact the Macular Society's helpline on 0300 3030 111 or e-mail help@macularsociety.org

### Balloon race to raise church cash A BALLOON race and a dog show are to be held in Churchstoke to raise cash for a village church. The events will be held at the Community Centre from 3pm on August 11. Registration for the dog show will start at 2.30pm and there

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## to boost hospice

TRAVEL and tourism students have raised money for a children's hospice by demonstrating their knowledge of the world.

edge of the world.

The second year students at Oswestry's Walford and North Shropshire College staged an Around the World quiz in aid of Hope House Children's Hospice at Morda. The quiz teams consisted of staff, students and their family and friends.

The quiz involved six dif-

The quiz involved six dif-rent rounds including

ferent rounds including landmarks, famous people, flags, national anthems, music and food tasting.

There was also a cake sale and raffle in the interval and the evening raised more than £70 for Hope House Children's Hospice.

The quiz was part of the

The quiz was part of the students' module in planning and managing a hospitality event.

ning and managing a hospitality event.

Tutor Louise Gregory said: "This is the first year we've delivered this unit and I'm really pleased the event was such a success."

#### **Club meeting**

THE Book and a Beer book club will meet on August 8 at Booka in Oswestry to dis-cuss Cloud Atlas by David Mitchell. All are welcome to join the book club, which will meet at 7.30pm. For more information call (01691) 662244.

## Students Warning as cat loses a leg after getting caught in trap

#### A CAT had to have a leg amputated after getting it caught in a trap.

anter getting it caught in a trap.

Staff at Oakwood Veterinary Centre at Babbinswood, near Whittington, have launched an
appeal to find the owner of the cat – and also voiced
their concerns about the use of traps.

They say the badly injured female cat, found in
Oswestry, would have endured an agonising death
if a villager had not brought the animal in for emergency treatment.

gency treatment.

Vets at the surgery had no choice but to amputate the cat's left front leg after it got caught in the trap, which staff say was possibly put down to catch rats.

The black cat was brought into the surgery last

Thursday. Staff member Helen Jones said: "A lady who lives near the surgery noticed this little cat which she did not recognise.

#### Dreadful

"The cat then turned around and the lady noticed the cat's leg was caught in a trap, similar to a rat trap. She brought the cat in for us to have a look. "Maggots were running all the way up the leg, it was in a dreadful mess and the only thing we could do to save the cat was to amputate. "If the cat had not been brought to us and we were not able to treat her it would have been an awful death because the injuries these traps can cause are terrible. "The consequences for animals if they get caught

cause are terrible.

"The consequences for animals if they get caught in traps can be devastating. The cat did have a collar but was not microchipped.

"She is not particularly old but she may have been a stray for some time. It is difficult to say how long she may have been missing.

"We would like the owner to come forward so they can be reunited.

"The owner would know the colour of the collar so they can prove the cat is their's," she added.



The trap found attached to the cat's leg.

"She is a lovely little thing and very friendly but she was in a terrible mess when she came in. "It was a dreadful open wound caused by the

"It was a dreamin open." "Trap.
"Flies soon go to a wound in this warm weather and it does not take long for maggots to infest the damaged limb. Cats do well even on three legs and we are hoping she will be on the mend soon after suffering this terrible injury.
"We have made inquiries locally but nobody seems to be missing a cat, but we would love to

"We have made inquiries locally but nobody seems to be missing a cat, but we would love to reunite her with her owner," she added.

The incident is the second time in a month that a cat in Shropshire required emergency treatment after getting caught in a trap.

Earlier this month a pet cat called Gizmo had to have a leg amputated after getting it trapped. His owners Hilda and John Bromley said they though Gizmo was caught in a farmer's rabbit trap in a field in Tilley, near Wem.

Olivia Halligan, a weterinary surgeon at Barclay-Moore Partnership in Wem, performed the operation to remove Gizmo's back leg.

She said it was one of the worst injuries she has seen in 12 years as a vet.

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Sam Davies, practice manager of Oakwood Vets, with the cat.

## **Camels to** be main display at show

CAMEL racing will be one of the main attractions at a country fair.

Joseph's Amazing Camels will be one of the highlights at the North Wales Country Fair on Saturday and Sun-

Fair on Saturday and Sunday.

As well as racing, the camels from Warwickshire will be on display so people can learn more about them.

Organiser and Gwynedd councillor Alan Jones Evans said: "We thought it was something quirky and would be a crowd-pleaser.

"There will be at least two races on each of the fair's two days and I'm sure they will be fantastic."

two days and I'm sure they will be fantastic."
In the past, the fair has been held on fields at Rhiwlas, Bala, but this year it's moving to fields next to the town's bypass, the B4391.
Last year the fair attracted 3,500 people on each day.
Other attractions include terrier and lurcher racing with "Dei Bando" from Llanrhaeadr ym Mochnant.

#### Advice line set up for over-50s

A TELEPHONE line has been set up as A ILLEPHONE line has been set up so people aged over 50 in Mid Wales can get advice on a range of subjects.

Age Cymru has launched the 0800 0223 444 line to help people with positions. help people with various queries.





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## Big crowds expected to flock to village show



With their champion group 3 Kerry Hill sheep at Guilsfield Show last y Buttington near Welshpool. ear are Catrin Tibbott and Will Jones from

CROWDS are set to flock to one of the leading village shows in Powys where there will be a host of displays. demonstrations, competitions and attractions for all the family.

Guilsfield Show will be held on Fron y Fele Field, Groeslwyd, near Welsh-pool, on Thursday, August 8. The show is celebrated for its horse

classes, with entrants drawn from far and wide, and there is a notable addi-tion to the section for 2013.

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"We are very excited to have Spanish Horse classes this year at Guilsfield," said show secretary Sally Jones. "Sev-eral of the horses who will be compet-ing at our show have recently been to the National Championships so you will be assured of seeing some spectacular animals. There will also be a display of Spanish horses in the main arena in the afternoon.

"As well as horses, sheep, dogs and poultry showing classes this year, we are having a small animal petting show,

Rebecca Martha's Menagerie, where children will be given the opportunity to handle small animals."

to handle small animals."

Local magician and palm reader
Rob Chapman promises to entertain
and intrigue and there are fancy dress
classes, children's races, a parade of
the Tanatside hounds, classic cars,
vintage vehicles and many trade
stands.

The show opens at form

stands.
The show opens at 9am.
"Our entrance fees have been frozen for another year so a family ticket of two adults and two children is £10. Adults are £5 and schoolchildren and seniors £3," Mrs Jones added.





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## **Family** sale after

A FAMILY business that has been part of the St Martins community for almost three decades is up for sale.

The St Martins Service Station, with its petrol station, garage and shop has been run by brother and sister Mike Horst and Rose Crocker for 27 years.

Now Mrs Crocker says she

Crocker for 27 years.

Now Mrs Crocker says she hopes another family will see it as an investment and a chance to start up a family business.

Mrs Crocker, who is approaching her 60th birth-day, says she wants to spend more time with her husband and daughter, who both

and daughter, who both work in the Middle East.

work in the Middle East.

She said it had been an honour to be running a business in such a supportive community. She added: "This has proved a very successful business over the years. We are a Texaco site and as well as the petrol station we run a Londis convenience store and the garage with MOT, servicing and repairs. We have some wonderful customers and very loyal staff, many of whom have been with us for years."
"It is still an extremely

have been with us for years."
"It is still an extremely profitable business and I sincerely hope that another family might see that it is on the market and think, that could be just what we are looking for. That is what Mike and I did 27 years ago and it was the right deciand it was the right deci-

## firm for Luxury hotel owners launch pop up' dining experiences

are launching a new concept - regular "pop up" dining experiences.

The move will allow guests to enjoy fine cuisine and also a taste of what is on offer at the Bryn Tanat Hall Hotel business according to owner Susan Martin.

Oswestry chef Tim Roberts who runs the popular Su Casa Spanish catering business will provide the food at the first pop

up night at the historic hall on by lain St John

ulous, lively and vibrant event."

Mrs Martin added: "Tim

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from Su Casa will cook a three
course dinner from scratch
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traditional ingredients for a
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much more.

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"You will enjoy the unique experience of watching Tim cook and see for yourself just how fresh and authentic the food really is."

Tickets to the inaugural

event cost £25 per person and include a glass of sangria on arrival, dinner and entertain-

Private tables are available

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up night at the historic hall on September 19.
Dubbed a Spanish Fiesta the evening will bring a taste of Spain to the Welsh country-side, Mrs Martin, who runs the hotel with her husband

the hotel with her husband Peter says.

She said: "We have been working with Tim Roberts from Su Casa for the past couple of years providing catering for our guests who stay here at the hall.

"We have decided to showcase the Pop Up restaurant idea with Tim to provide something different for local people to enjoy with amazing food in a beautiful setting.

"Guests will enjoy an exclusive evening of authentic Spanish cuisine and Latin dancing.

"The evening will begin "The evening wi

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"The evening will begin over a complimentary glass of sangria on the terrace.
"You will then be invited through to the candlelit Terrace Room for a delicious dinner.
"Following dinner the evening's Latin cabaret and dancing will complete our fab-

## Keep fit and raise cash for charity



Lynsey Kilvert, fundraiser from with Hope House, with Phill Parry, The Coach House leisure manager.

KEEP fit enthusiasts can sign up to a gym and raise funds for Hope House Children's Hospice

at the same time.

The Coach House Health
Club at Oswestry's Wynnstay
Hotel, and staff at the Morda
hospice have teamed up, and
the hotel will donate the first
month's fees to the site when
people sign up for gym membership.

Lynsey Kilvert from the hospice said: "The Coach House
Health Club at The Wynnstay
Hotel, Oswestry have pledged to
donate the first month membership fee from new members to
Hope House children Hospice.

"The Coach House is offering
full single membership for the
reduced rate of £28 per month.

"The promotion will run for
two days only, on Saturday
August 3 and Sunday, August 4.

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taken up by visiting The Coach
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stand at Oswestry Show on Saturday, August 3.

Bosses at the leisure club said at the same time.
The Coach House Health

urday, August 3.

Bosses at the leisure club said they were pleased to back the children's hospice.

Leisure manager Phill Parry said: "We are so happy to be supporting such a great local charity and hope to see many new members at the show."

## region reduced

CRIME in Mid Wales has fallen by almost 10 per cent and anti-social behaviour eight per cent in the last new figures have

shown.

Dyfed Powys Police said it has seen a 9.4 per cent reduction in crime, meaning the force area remains "by far" the safest in England and Wales.

Wales.
Carl Langley, assistant chief constable, said car crime was down by 17.8 per cent and more than half of all crimes reported were solved. He said that a record of his-torically low levels of crime are a reflection on the "excel-lent relationships" that exist between neighbourhood policing teams and communi-

policing teams and communities.

He said: "These figures represent great news because they mean that there were 1,925 fewer victims of crime than in the previous year and this area remains by far and away the safest to live in, work or visit throughout England and Wales.
"When you add to this the fact that more than half of all the crimes reported to us

fact that more than half of all the crimes reported to us were detected (55.2 per cent – up 5.1 per cent), it is fairly obvious why criminals should think twice about committing crime in Mid and West Wales. What is more important though, is that we continue doing the right thing for the public we serve."

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### **LLANFYLLIN SHOW**

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## Gary delighted to take on show role

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A MAN well known to the farming community across Shropshire and the Welsh border has accepted an invitation to become president of this year's Llanfyllin Show on August 10.

Gary Hughes, who runs the successful Oswestry-based agricultural engineering business Hughes Bros with his twin brother, Roy, has been attending the show as a trade exhibitor since

1975.
The business started at Selattyn in 1962 and moved to the Smithfield Works, Oswestry in 1970 where it employs 12 staff providing sales and repairs for tractors, agricultural machinery, quadbikes, Land Rovers and Ifor Williams Trailers.

Pleased

Pleased

"It was a great honour to be asked to become president of Llanfyllin Show, which is well supported by the local community," said Mr Hughes, whose wife, Brenda, is originally from Penybontfawr.

"I have always been made to feel welcome there and I am pleased to see that there are young people involved on the show committee because they represent the future.

"I have always found Llanfyllin Show to be very interesting and we attract a lot of business from the area during the year."

during the year."

To encourage more young people to get involved with show he organised a



Llanfyllin Show president Gary Hughes.

resident's cocktail party last Friday istead of the traditional Sunday

linch.

Mr Hughes has borrowed the cocktail party idea from Oswestry Show,
which he has served as a council member and social committee chairman for
symbol of years.

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The show, which is held at Bodfach Park by permission of Simon and Maggie Baynes and Janet Jones, attracts around 4,000 visitors from far and

wide. Fondly known as the "friendly show", it's a popular meeting place for old friends who live away from the

area.
Star attractions at this year's action-packed event are the aerial acrobatic display team Above and Beyond and the 2013 All Wales Circuit Shearing

r inal. Schedules are available from secre-tary Jill Hollinshead on (01691) 828628 or at www.llanfyllinshow.co.uk.



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## respected Rotarian

A MEMORIAL golf day is being organised in memory of a Shropshire Rotarian who had been an amateur international golfer. The Niel Kelly Memorial in aid of

Niel Kelly Memorial in aid of Prostate Cancer UK will be played at Oswestry Golf Club on August 21. Niel, who was a founder member of the Rotary Club of Shawbury and Mid Shrop-shire, played golf as an ama-teur for Ulster and Ireland. He was a well-respected member at Oswestry Golf Club, had been captain of Royal St David's and Shrop-shire and Herefordshire county captain twice. county captain twice.

shire and Herefordshire county captain twice.

His wife Sandra, who is also a member at Oswestry, will donate and present the Niel Kelly trophy and cups for the day.

The Rotary Club is still looking for sponsors and raffle prizes. There are six holes available for sponsorship. Those interested should contact Geoff Lloyd on (01743) 364936 or Julian Wells, e-mail Julian.wells1 (egmail.com

Said Geoff: "This will be really special day in memory of one of our most loved and respected Rotarians who was also a great golfer.

"Rotarians and others who don't play golf can caddy and take part and we are looking forward to this being a very happy charity day which is what Sandra

being a very happy charity day which is what Sandra wants in memory of Niel."

## Golf day tribute to Tyler rolls up to put horse power into bracken bashing

given a helping hand near Oswestry by one of nature's gentle giants.

Twelve-year-old working horse Tyler spent a day "bracken bashing" on a meadow near Oswestry to give the violets that grow underneath the bracken the chance to flourish.

Common dog violet leaves are the favourite food of the caterpillars of pretty, pearl-bordered fritillaries – which are found on only three sites

pretty, pearl-bordered fritillaries – across Shropshire. Shropshire Wildlife Trust is hop-ing that providing a plentiful supply of dog violets on meadows at Nant-mawr could help increase the num-bers of butterflies. Barbara Haddrill from Carnog Working Horses, based in Llan-rhaeadr-ym-Mochnant, travelled to

the fields with her heavy horse

the fields with her heavy horse Tyler on Thursday. The fields lie next to Jones' Rough in the Oswestry hills, one of seven nature reserves owned by the Wildlife Trust in the area. Dense bracken is engulfing the hebitst of the yeard beyond fittil

Dense bracken is engulfing the habitat of the pearl-bordered fritilary, in the area.

Barbara and Tyler spent several hours dragging a "bracken basher", a traditional horse drawn implement, across the six foot high vegetation on the meadows.

Sarah Gibson from Shropshire Wildlife Trust, said: "This is an excellent area for wildflowers and control of the bracken will allow these plants to spread.

control of the bracken will allow these plants to spread. "Violets grow well under light bracken, which mimics woodland by giving a dappled canopy, until it grows too dense, when the violets are shaded out."

are shaded out."

Barbara said: "Working horses

#### by Sue Austin

were a common sight in this area in the not too distant past, especially working on the steep wooded slopes and fields where man-made machines still struggle to reach.

"With advances in modern day horse-drawn machinery and the increasing cost of fossil fuels and a greater concern for the environment, horsepower is again a popular and economic method.

#### Sensitive

"We use horse logging and bracken and bramble control to manage woodland, forests and agri-cultural areas. "At the heart of Carnog Working Horses is the desire to manage the land in a sensitive ecological man-

ner.
"Maintaining rural skills and "Maintaining rural skills and heritage is also important to us, as well as wanting to live and work in a beautiful rural area."

A row of silver pearls along the edge of its hindwing and two in the middle give the butterfly its name.

They live in colonies, in woods with sunny glades and open rides, seldom flying much more than half

seldom flying much more than half a mile in their lifetime.



Heavy horse, Tyler, works with Barbara Haddrill to roll bracken at Nantmawr Nature Reserve.

## School to offer ride sessions for young

YOUNG people interested in horse riding will be able to take part in have-a-go sessions at a riding school in the summer holidays.

Perry Riding and Driving Group, in Baschurch, will be offering the sessions after receiving grant funding from Sport England, Awards for All and Shropshire Council.

The money from Sport England will be used to offer free vaulting sessions for

England will be used to offer free vaulting sessions for young people of all abilities on a Wednesday through the summer holidays. Vaulting also takes place on a Satur-day afternoon.

The grant from Awards for All will go towards a scheme to increase partici-pation in carriage driving sessions, which are cur-rently available for people with disabilities on a Friday morning. morning. The Children and Young

People's Services at Shropshire Council have given money towards sessions for registered young people to meet and ride ponies every

registered young people to meet and ride ponies every Wednesday morning through the holidays. On August 21 there will be a sponsored ride round Nesscliffe Hill by disabled and able-bodied participants from the group. Organisers would welcome more partic-ipants and helpers. For more information contact the organiser on 0845 450 6714.

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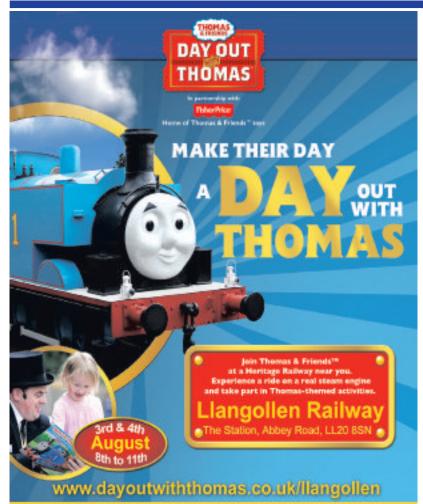
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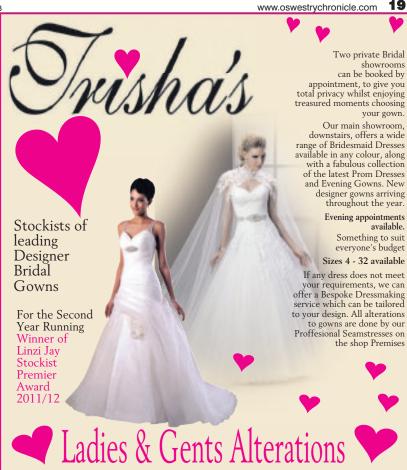
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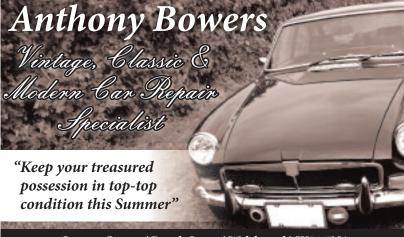
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MID & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service has been awarded the Investors in People Gold Accreditation. The standard is one of the most widely-recognised and

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ership and management, the service said.
Within the emergency services across the UK, there are currently six gold, nine silver, and 11 bronze accreditations – however, Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service is the only gold holder in the UK fire sector.

gold holder in the UK fire sector.

Paul Bates, deputy chief fire officer, who is also director of development, said: "This award represents a significant achievement for my directorate and it serves as a testament to the outstanding work of staff in establishing excellent leadership and management practices.

"Most importantly, it acknowledges the efforts of all the staff who have embraced the considerable changes necessary to move

changes necessary to move the service forward.

"I am extremely proud of everyone who has been involved." Richard Smith, chief fire officer, said: "In Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Serv-ice we believe that our people are our greatest asset and that's why we make them our largest investment."

## Praise for Students appointed for new leadership school leadership group

dors, house captains and head girl and boy ahead of an academic year in which it will open its new Sixth Form Centre.

Positions within the Student Leadership Group at the Marches School in Oswestry have become much sought after and respected.
The school, which will opens its sixth form centre in September, has announced who will fill the key roles which are aimed at giving students a voice in the running of the

by Graham Breeze

## Firms to offer help at show

BUSINESS professionals from the Oswestry area will be on hand at the town's showpiece agricultural event this weekend to give out advice on a range of topics, from making a will to renewable issues.

A large number of firms will have stalls at the show this Saturday, including Oswestry law firm GHP Legal which runs weekly free legal clinics in the town.

clinics in the town.

Staff will be available at the show to chat about all areas of legal work including personal injury, wills and probate matters.

Meanwhile farmers and landowners visiting the show are being invited to drop in at Berrys' stand for refreshments and a chat.

Staff will give free professional advice on a range of issues such as planning and development, cross compliance, renewable energy, CAP reform, tenancy matters and land and farm sales or whatever is topical on the day.

"We will be serving afternoon tea from 2pm," said Hollie Savage, of Berrys' Shrewsbury office.

school.

Staff at the school said a vast number of students applied for the roles of senior ambassadors, house captains, deputy house captains, head girl and head boy. Selected from the Year 11 cohort, the Student Leadership Group plays a vital role at the school Selected from the Year 11 cohort, the Student Leadership Group plays a vital role at the school.

The previous leadership group, many of whom will join the new sixth form in September, organised a number of charity fundraising events throughout the year and have been key influencers in the development and design of the new Sixth Form Centre. Sali James, director of Key Stage 4 at The Marches School, said: "This year we have had an extremely strong field of applicants applying to the new student leadership roles."

Stuart Green was selected as head boy while Emily Ball is head girl.

House captains are Emily Ball, Chris Burgess, Kira Scott, Stuart Green, Ishtiaque Rashid, Emily Edwards, Autumn Cass, Will Napper, Ellie Derbyshire and Henry Jones. Cass, Will Napper, Ellie Derbyshire and Henry Jones.
Head boy Stuart Green said: "As the Student Leadership Group, our main aim is to be the student voice.
"We help organise events, discuss new school policies and generally look at how the students would like aspects of the school to be run. We meet every Monday and fully intend to make the most of our new nositions."

Members of the Student Leadership Group at the Marches School get ready for next term. At the back, from left, are Chris Burgess, Stuart Green, Will Napper, Emily Edwards and Ishtiaque Rashid. In the middle row, from left, are Autumn Cass, Ellie Derbyshire and Emily Ball, with Henry Jones and Kira Scott at the front.

## **Expert** is called in on homes proposals

in Oswestry react to plans to build hundreds of homes in the town in the coming

years.

Oswestry Town Council is seeking help to make sure they can respond to proposals put forward as part of Shropshire Council's Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev) plan.

Councillors agreed to ask expert Brian Smith to host a seminar about the proposals. It will be followed by a specially-convened meeting

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One of the most controversial areas within the document is the parcels of land around the Oswestry iron age hillfort.
Another is the possibility of building on the green wedge of land that separates Oswestry from the village of Morda. The town council has until mid-August to makes its views known.
Councillor Duncan Kerr

makes its views known.
Councillor Duncan Kerr
said he had grave worries
about building houses so
close to the hillfort. Councillor Paul Milner was concerned building homes at
the Cottams, Morda, would
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a meeting last week that a more detailed look at the SAMDev document

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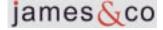
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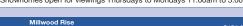
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#### deaths

воотн Gordon

(Rev)

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Thanksgiving Service for his life to be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2013, at 3pm, at Quinta Independent Evangelical Church, Bronygarth Road, Weston Rhyn, SY10 7LP.

All most welcome.

Family flowers only please but if desired donations maybe given to The Gospel Outreach Fund of The Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches.

All inquiries please to EDMUND ROWLANDS

> & SON Funeral Directors

Chirk Telephone 01691 772462.

> GOUGH Gordon Ellis

Of Maesbury. Passed away on July 19, 2013, at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, aged 75 years.

Hospital, aged 13 years.

Loving Husband of Lorraine,
beloved Father of Sally,
Stephanie and Kirsty, Fatherin-law of Jim, Colin and
David, much loved Grandfather of Alice, Jess, William
and Emma.

He will be sadly missed by all the Family.

Funeral Service at Pentrebychan Crematorium, Wrexham, on Monday, August 5, 2013 at 2pm.

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Inquiries to WEPRICE

Funeral Directors Salop Road Oswestry

Telephone 01691 652995

RICHARDS

Jean

nee Thomas

Of Dolgoch, Porthywaen. Passed away peacefully at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospi-tal, surrounded by her Family on July 19, 2013, aged 65 years.

Beloved Mother of David, Sharon, Alison, Adrian and Beverley, Mother-in-law of Evelynne, Peter, Neil and Darren, Grandmother of Ryan, Kirsty, Luke, Holly and Hayden.

Will be greatly missed by all her Family and Friends.

Funeral Service at Emstrey Crematorium, Shrewsbury, on Tuesday, August 6, at 10.15am.

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Oswestry

Telephone 01691 653116.

#### RICHARDSON

Norma Doreen

Of Weston Rhyn.

Passed away suddenly but peacefully on July 19, 2013, aged 75 years.

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Funeral Service to be held at Pentrebychan Crematorium, Wrexham, on Monday, August 5, at 11am.

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Donations, if desired, to The Shooting Star Appeal at The Wrexham Maelor Hospital and The Macmillan Nurses Fund.

Inquiries to DAVID DAVIES & SONS

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#### in memoriam



DOWIE Andrew

July 30 2012.

One year today since you closed your eyes and slipped away.

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Every day a memory makes us
smile or shed a tear of how we
miss your laughter and your
wicked sense of humour, your
sunny smile, with big brown
eyes like chocolate drops.
Our shining star so sadly
missed but always in our
thoughts and hearts.

Love from Mum and Dad.



Andrew

July 30, 2012

My Brother my Star in Heaven.

I am sending a dove to Heaven with a parcel on it's wings, be careful when you open it, it's full of beautiful things. Inside are a million kisses, wrapped up in a million hugs, to say how much I miss you and to send you all my love.

I hold you close within my heart and there you will remain, to walk with me throughout my life until we meet again.

Michelle, Leigh, James, Ben, Toby and Harvey. X X X

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HAMER Joyce

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### NEWS

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# trip to the

STUDENTS from Llanfyllin enjoyed a whirlwind tour of London to soak up the capital's art scene.

The group of art students from Llanfyllin High School spent three days in the capital.

The youngsters squeezed in visits to many of London's art establishments in the three-day trip.

School spokesman Michael Morgan said: "Throughout the trip the young art students did extremely well in glorious sunshine and extreme temperature as they travelled on foot, buses and the underground to a range of galleries and museums. "These included the

the underground to a range of galleries and museums.

These included the Saatchi where they were privileged to have an introductory tour of the current exhibition and the V&A and Natural History Museum.

"They enjoyed a boat trip from Tower Bridge to Parliament Square where they met a blue badge guide who gave them an extremely

met a blue badge guide who gave them an extremely high quality and informative tour of Westminster Abbey. "During the evenings the small group of art students dined in restaurants and enjoyed river walks, evening gallery visits and all 15 students encountered the spectacular Lion King show at The Lyceum."

The group visited Tate Modern and discussed modern approaches to art work

ern approaches to art work by Karel Appel.

## Students Music-lovers urged to rock take art up for park's reggae party

OSWESTRY'S showpiece Victorian public park will rock to the sound of reggae again later this summer after an inaugural Reggae in the Park event proved a huge success.

The first event of its kind was staged at Cae Glas Park on July 14 during the town's hugely successful Oswestry Food and Drink Festival.

Organisers of the music event said it was so successful that a follow-up has been planned

will bring to a conclusion Oswestry Town

Council's widely praised summertime programme of bandstand music in Cae Glas

Record enthusiasts from the Peoples

the kind permission of the town council. the kind permission of the town council, reggae will be returning to the park for the August Bank Holiday weekend." Reggae in the Park 2 will take place on August 25 from noon as part of the town council's summer programme.

Planned for the August Bank Holiday weekend, organisers say Reggae in the Park 2

by lain St John

## New use for old Christmas trees

OLD Christmas trees have been given a new use – helping to prevent flooding in Llanfyllin.

Llantylin.

The trees, stored in a church for six months have been laid along the soft banks of the River Cain at the edge of the town along with willow cut from the Queen's Head nature reserve at Queens Head, near Oswestry.

Volunteers from the Cain Valley River

Volunteers from the Cain Valley River Group spent a day building revetments along the river, near Bodfach Hall.

Training was delivered by Severn Rivers Trust partners the Wild Trout Trust.

Secretary, Rick Warburton said: "This project uses old Christmas trees, collected by local people and kindly stored at St. Garmon's Church Llanfechain and willow, cut from the Canal and Rivers Trust nature reserve at Queens Head.

"It's a great way of using up old Christmas trees to reduce landfill and working together with the community."

## Free parking boost for town



Ken Malcolm, of Pet World, with his dog Sookie promoting the free parking offer.

Park
Record enthusiasts from the Peoples'
Vinyl Collective, which meets weekly at the
Ironworks in Oswestry to play favourite
records, and other guest Dds took to the
turntables for a non-stop afternoon of reggae old and new during the first event.
Among the tunes was a blend of retro
dancehall, dub and classic reggae cuts, as
well as contemporary drum and bass.
Punjabi reggae, ska and rocksteady tunes
were also thrown into the mix while there
were plenty of tracks from artists on
Jamaica's famous Studio One label including Bob Marley and the Wailers, Toots and
the Maytals, Dennis Brown, Ken Boothe,
and the Heptones.
Reggae in the Park organiser Neil
Phillips said: "The music was a real draw
and the park was the busiest it has been for
ages, all helped by the great weather.

"The response has been overwhelming
and we're delighted to announce that, with
the kind permission of the town council,
reggee will be returning to the next for the

A GROUP of town traders in Oswestry have introduced a free parking promotion to encourage more footfall on the high street.

The six independent businesses are offering a parking refund based on a minimum shop to customers using the Central Car Park, Smithfield Street Car Park or Festival Servers Car Ded.

Square Car Park.
The amount of refund offered and minimum spend required varies between the participating shops. They include Petworld on Festival Square, Rowanthorn and But-

terfly Beautique in Old Chapel Court, Kelvie's Bargains due to open in English Walls, Radfords Butchers in Church Street, and Bright Beadz in Leg Street.

The three-month campaign, which launched on July 25, was inspired by group member, Petworld proprietor Ken Malcolm. He said: "The refund idea has gone down really well with our customers. With more

businesses doing the same, we can create a more visible campaign and draw more foot-fall into the heart of the town."

#### A free course in cooking for young

cooking for young
A FREE cookery course
for parents and children
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Oswestry.
Cook It - Eat It! will
take place at Woodside
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Oswestry on Tuesdays for
six weeks from July 30
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Axten on (01691) 690103.

Workshop date

### Workshop date

held for artists
A WORKSHOP to help artists get the most from their local newspapers and radio and television stations was held at Oswestry's Qube Gallery.

The group was held at

The event was held at the premises in Oswald Road last night (Wednes-day) and looked at promo-tion opportunities through press releases.

Tonia Parry, from Qube, said: "Within the workshop the do's and don'ts of writ-ing good press releases to get published were dis-cussed with practical tips and sessions."

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in brief

#### Town calendar goes up for sale

A CALENDAR for Oswestry has been launched thanks to a partnership between a special-ist college and tourism

bosses.

The calendar has been designed and printed by students at Derwen College from photographs supplied by Oswestry Borderland Tourism.

The calendar is on sale.

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The calendar is on sale at Oswestry Heritage Visitor Centre and Mile End Visitor Centre for £4.99 and has pictures of Oswestry and the surrounding area.

Bosses at Oswestry Borderland Tourism said they had been asked many times for a local calendar and because they were unable to find one, they decided to produce their own.

#### Basketball star to open event

CHESTER Phoenix bas-ketball player Shawn Myers will open Gob-owen's National Play Day

owen's National Play Day celebrations next month. The village's playing fields will host various activities including basketball sessions and face painting during the celebration on August 7 from 1pm to 4pm.

Free basketball sessions will also be staged at the playing fields' sports court on August 20, 22, 27 and 29.

## **Hundreds at lights display** as heritage status marked

HUNDREDS of people were treated to a spectacular lights and fireworks show at the famous Pontcysyllte Aqueduct near Chirk to mark the fourth anniversary of it winning Unesco World Heritage status.

Families from throughout the area pitched up deck chairs and picnics below the famous monument's arches to enjoy the light and firework show.

During the evening a host of local bands performed to entertain the hundreds of visi-

During the evening a host of local datives performed to calculate the control of the bill was young cover band The Big Beat while local born vocalist and West End star Annie Hughes sang a range of musical showtunes.

Younger visitors enjoyed funfair rides while a variety of food and drink stalls were available to keep people of all ages fed and watered. The occasion had been organised to celebrate the aqueduct, and 11 miles of the Llangollen Canal which is carried over it, being awarded World Heritage Site status in 2009.

The award puts the aqueduct on

Organisers said they were delighted to be able to stage a truly

Welsh summer celebration evening under the magnificent 126ft pillars

Wrexham county councillor Pat Jeffares welcomed the hundreds of

people who attended the event. He

of the aqueduct.

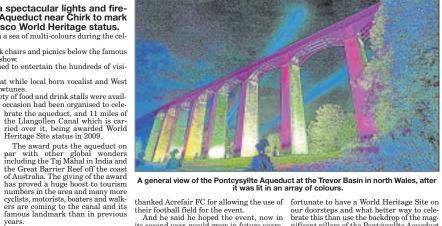
## female dancing fans

AN all-female dance summer school taking place in Llanfair Caereinion will culminate in a half-time performance at an international football match.

Powys Dance, which is part of Powys County Council, has teamed up with the Football Associa-tion of Wales to arrange the performance. The class for females over the age of 11, will be

led by Bethan Smith of Powys Dance and will run from August 19 to 21 at The Institute in Bridge Street between 10am and 4pm. Dancers will work on a piece which will then be

performed on the pitch during the interval at the Wales v England U19 Women's football game at Carmarthen on August 22. The classes cost £20 per person and can be booked by visiting: www.dawn spowysdance.wordpress.com



A general view of the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct at the Trevor Basin in north Wales, after it was lit in an array of colours.

thanked Acrefair FC for allowing the use of

thanked Acrefair FC for allowing the use of their football field for the event. And he said he hoped the event, now in its second year, would grow in future years, reminding the audience that events such as Glastonbury began on a small scale. The event was organised by Wrexham County Borough Council's marketing and promotions team and Wrexham Destination Management Partnership. Joe Bickerton from Wrexham Destination Management Partnership said: "We are so

Management Partnership said: "We are so

fortunate to have a World Heritage Site on fortunate to have a World Heritage Site on our doorsteps and what better way to celebrate this than use the backdrop of the magnificent pillars of the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct for an event which not only attracted new visitors, but also helped benefit local businesses and raise awareness of what we have to offer in the area.

"When we first illuminated the aqueduct in 2012, it was a real spectacle and we quickly decided that we should try and make this celebration an annual event."

01691 668094 **Shop staff** marking 35-vear

A GROCERY shop in Oswestry is celebrating 35 years as a workers' co-oper-ative. Honeysuckle Wholefoods, which opened in 1978, is a traditional wholefood shop and is still in the same prem-

and is still in the same premises that it began in, in

isses that it began in, in Church Street
Manager Barbara Farr said: "We are still serving many of our original customers and welcoming many new ones.

"Having seen many changes in retailing, we are pleased to see so many customers returning to the high street to enjoy local shopping and to support their local economy, very much something to celebrate.

"We would like to thank all our customers for the first 35 years."

The shop will be celebrating on Monday with birthday cake and gifts.

#### New town guild officially opened

THE new Oswestry and Dis-trict Townswomen's Guild

trict Townswomen's Guild has been officially opened. The new guild will meet on the fourth Thursday of the month from 2pm to 4pm at The Memorial Hall,

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KEEN cyclists are being invited to get on their bikes and pedal more than 50 miles for a children's charity.

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The Hope House Bala and
Vyrnwy cycle challenge will
take place on August 11,
starting from the Hope
House children's hospice in
Oswestry.
Entrants will have a
choice of completing either a
56-mile or 71-mile route,
both of which will include a
mid-way feeding station at

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mid-way feeding station at Lake Vyrnwy and will finish back at the hospice. Only 200 places are avail-able on the ride, which has been organised by the hos-pice to raise funds for its work so that it can provide care and support for termi-nally ill children and their families. Participants must be 16 and over and registration

and over and registration costs £20. The challenge is not a timed competitive event and participants can ride at their own pace.

To sign up for the event visit **www.hopehouse.org. uk /events** or contact Hope House's fundraising office on (01691) 671671.

#### **Bass goes live**

OSWESTRY'S The Iron-works resounded to The Bear Music drums and bass on Saturday – streamed live on www.globaldnb.com, with more than 7,000 listeners.

## Cyclists urged to get riding for fund at successful summer fair at successful summer fair



Nia Medi Evans winner of the fancy dress at Rhiwlas



Manon Gittins with her prize-winning decorated pattern at Rhiwlas.



Winners at Rhiwlas were, left to right, Cadi Glwys Davies for decorated cup cakes, Elin Evans for a vegetable animal and Lowri Griffiths for a favourite character out of a story or film.

A VERY successful summer fair was held at Rhiwlas near Oswestry, raising £350 for Community Centre funds.

an Griffiths, one of the organisers

said: "It is an event to bring the community together, especially the children of Rhiwlas and beyond and in this it was very successful with a really good turnout on the dur."

the day."

There were various entertainments dur-

ing the afternoon, including sale stalls, a bouncy castle, games, children's sports, painting for children, a spinning exhibition and plenty of refreshments and ice cream. There was strong competition in the junior section.

## to tenant farmers on **GM** crops

AN Oswestry land agent has warned tenant farmers to check their tenancy agree-ments before considering GM crops on their land.

GM crops on their land.

The warning comes from
tenancy specialist Philip
Meade of Davis Meade Property Consultants in the light
of the recent backing by
environment minister Owen
Paterson for genetically
modified crops.

Mr Meade, who is based in
Oswestry, said: "For a number of years I have been concerned about these clauses
and I have been urging

cerned about these clauses and I have been urging clients to be wary of them.

"GM methods may become mainstream in the future as the pressure comes on the industry to feed a growing world population and tenants should be permitted to grow crops that will enable them to compete in a world market.

"When acting for tenants

in a world market.
"When acting for tenants faced with such a clause I usually suggest that the tenancy should be changed to say that if GMO crops become generally acceptable in the UK then that clause can be relaxed.
"The worn for tenants is

"The worry for tenants is that GMOs could cause a two tier farming regime – those that grow GM crops and those that don't.

"And some landlords may continue to ben them on

continue to ban them on their land whatever the national feeling."



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## Tea date opened by High

shire popped in to a fundraising tea in Ellesmere which collected more than £300 for charity.

Ellesmere Friends of Hope House were delighted to welcome Diana Flint to their annual strawberry tea.

neer annual strawberry tea.
It was held in the garden
of John and Averil MacDonald of Heron Close,
Ellesmere and Averil, chairman of the group, said the
event raised £345 for Hope
House.

She thanked Mrs Flint for supporting the event and said: "We are so grateful that the High Sheriff was able to come along and open the strawberry tea and we were blessed with wonderful weather too.

"It was a lovely day, and it was good to see so many people relaxing in the sunshine," Averil added.

"We would like to thank everyone who attended for helping us to raise such a fantastic sum for Hope House."

Guests enjoyed scones, jam, strawberries and cream and many were lucky win-ners in the charity raffle which was staged.

Anyone interested in joining the fundraising group should contact Averil MacDonald on (01691) 622510 or email averil.macdonald@btinternet.com.

## Looking back at school days

THE schools are on holiday, but let's keep them in the spotlight for a little while with a selection of pictures, some of which date

of pictures, some of which date back almost 20 years.
PICTURE A: We'll start by saying hello to Charlotte Bromley, who was an art scholarship student at Moreton Hall School, near Oswestry. The photo dates from the second half of 1994.
PICTURE B: Back in the summer of 2001, the netball team of the Marches School in Oswestry was raising money for three very special away fixtures – in Barbados. Physical education teachers Ann Cielecki and Rebecca Rowlands said

for three very special away fixtures – in Barbados. Physical education teachers Ann Cielecki and Rebecca Rowlands said they dreamt up the idea of a netball tour of Barbados because they were so proud of the netball team.

The idea was that the Year 10 girls would spend a week in the Caribbean playing three exhibition matches with local teams and taking in all the sights and sunshine. Among various fundraising events was a sellout talent show which raised over £1,000. Here are two of the team, Kelly Edwards, on the left, and Julie Gibson, who were both 15, with the team sponsors from the Sheldon Leonard Trust, Sarah Richards and Lance Leonard, who were handing over a cheque. What you are now asking is, how did the trip go? Alas, we don't actually kno from our records if they actually went (so if any of you can shed further information, do drop us a line).

PICTURE C: It's December 1994, and Welshpool High School student Glyn Norris, 15, is the proud winner of a new bicycle. He is seen with Mrs Jean Astley cook supervisor, and Mrs Sheila Wynn catering manager, so presumably the competition was somehow related to school food.

PICTURE D: No, it's not a serious

competition was somenow related to school food. PICTURE D: No, it's not a serious overstaffing problem at Oswestry's sort-ing office. It's a visit by the juniors of Oswestry School in February 1995.



Picture D: The juniors of Oswestry School visit the sorting office in 1995.



Picture B: the netball team of the Marches School in Oswestry



Picture A: Charlotte Bromley



Picture C: Welshpool High School student Glyn Norris, 15, is the proud winner of a new bicycle. He is seen with Mrs Jean Astley, cook supervisor, and Mrs Sheila Wynn, catering manager.



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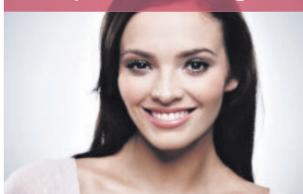


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Mr and Mrs Hannah behind the bar of The Sun Inn after the premises had been given a new look



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Action from an Oswestry Town v Kidderminster game at Victoria Road believed to have been taken in the early 1950s.

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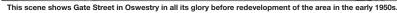


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This picture of Church Street in Oswestry was taken in the early 1950s.









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The four acts will be Lady Gaga, Bon Jovi, Tom Jones and Kylie

Minogue.

The show starts at 8pm with entry costing £8.

Also on Friday cult blues man Addy Gartry will be performing at The Lowfield Inn, Marton. For those of you who haven't heard Eddy before he handles vocals and guitar duties in T-Bird Rising and Blues State UK.

Giftad with one hell of a singing.

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Gifted with one hell of a singing voice his music brings to mind blues legends such as Howling Wolf and Muddy Waters. He's also had a colourful career that has seen him perform with such highly esteemed musicians as Tony McPhee and Doctor Hook as well touring Europe supporting the likes of Peter Green and Mytch Ryder.

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You can expect an energetic live show with plenty of foot tapping blues, so don't miss out. The gig starts at 8pm and is free entry.
Tonight (Thursday) The Ironworks will be holding the second heat of it's Acoustic competition.
There will be another six local acts vying to impress the crowd in hopes of moving on to next round so they can be in with a chance of winning the £500 prize.
The show starts at 8pm and is free entry.

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As usual the week will be rounded off with The Ironwork's

with Edward Roberts weekly events Limelight and Peo-ple's Vinyl Collective. Limelight is The Ironworks' take on open mic

The Ironworks' take on open mic which takes place every Tuesday. Unlike other open mic nights, Limelight isn't just focused on music, as it gives you the opportunity to take the stage whatever your talent, whether it's poetry, singing or comedy.

As always the night will be presented by resident host Tom Stedman. It starts at 9pm and is free entry.

entry.
On Wednesday The Ironworks
will be holding the Peoples Vinyl
Collective.
If you haven't been along to one

If you haven't been along to one of these yet then you should head along as it gives you the opportunity to bring along five of your favourite vinyls and become the DJ.

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Eddy Gartry on stage at The Ironworks.

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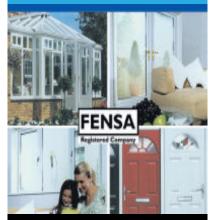






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# **Hall transformed** into an art gallery



With a piece by Mary Hazzard, called Bearded Iris, is Carol James.

## by Graham Breeze

THE Memorial Hall in Oswestry has been transformed into an art gallery for the week as The Oswestry and District Society of Artists hold its annual summer art exhibition.

exhibition.

More than 130 paintings, both framed and unframed are on display in the hall on Festival Square and the event is attraction a great deal of attention.

Carol James, spokeswoman for the society, said visitors had commented on the good quality of the exhibits and many had take

ety, said visitors had commented on the good quality of the exhibits and many had take part in the favourite painting survey.

"There really is something for everyone in the exhibition, large painting and small paintings and works of art in oils, acrylics, pastels and watercolours."

The exhibition includes everything from abstracts to landscapes of both local scene and scenes of far away.

"There are lots of flower paintings and birds and animals are also very popular."

"Visitors have commented on the wide variety. There really is something for every taste and every pocket."

Mrs James said that while the paintings were for sale the exhibitors loved to put their pieces on display to share their talents with the public. "Society members paint because we love to paint", she said.

"The exhibition runs at the Memorial Hall until Sunday, open 10am until 6pm until Saturday and 10am until noon on Sunday." Admission is free.

The Oswestry and District Society of Artists has more than 100 members and meets twice a month.
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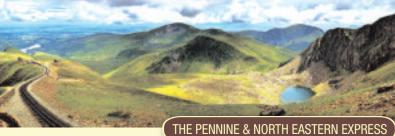
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# accident

A SPEED reduction at a notorious accident blackspot is set to be introduced early next year, parish councillors have been told.

The reduction in the speed limit from 60mph to 40mph will be imposed in January at the A483 Llynchus crossroads par January at the A483 Llynclys crossroads near Oswestry, as long as there are no objections lodged with highways bosses. The safety measure was welcomed by members of Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council at a meeting last Thursday. Shropshire County Councillor Arthur Walpole and the parish council chairman Councillor Dilys Gaskill told

the parish council chairman Councillor Dilys Gaskill told the meeting they had met Highways Agency bosses yesterday to talk about various concerns along the A483 trunk route.

Councillor Walpole said one positive step was the move to cut the speed at Llynclys. He said: "It has been agreed by all parties so long as there are not objective there are not objective."

been agreed by all parties so long as there are not objec-tions. It should be imple-mented in January. "It is real progress to get the 40mph there. It is not everything we were looking for but it is progress just the same"

Councillor Walpole said Highway Agency bosses had promised to take action on various problems along the route., which were highlighted at the meeting

# New speed Young Ox peckers take risks accident blackspot on their moving bird table

## ON THE WILD SIDE with Ben Waddams



TO speak of nesting birds and fledglings in

August seems slightly absurd.

However there is one prolific breeder that, if given a chance, will happily lay eggs through to autumn - the house sparrow. House sparrows have seen a large decline in population which at first seems puzzling, considering their name's sake 'houses' have increased ranidity.

have increased rapidly.

However house sparrows can only use houses as nest sites if they provide ample holes and cavities in which to build a nest. Seeing as new builds don't have this and if discovered, nest. Seeing as new builds don't have this and if discovered, people tend to block up such enticing entrances, then we start

to see why the sparrows may suffer.

Reduction in the availability of favoured food, either for adults or chicks or both as well as increased levels of pollution also play their part and of course there is the omnipresent threat from cats.

## **Differences**

Differences

However here in Shropshire, we seem to be doing above average with our house sparrows. The declines have taken place mostly in the East and South East and this county still remains a relatively good area for them in the UK.

Recently I've been watching rather a lot of bird activity from two different species, although despite the differences between them, they exhibit similar behavioural traits; namely laziness! The latest brood of my house sparrows seem incapable of feeding themselves.

They will follow their parents all over the garden, hopping from one area to the other (although only occasionally using their wings) and even trail them onto the bird table itself, thick with seed and grain. Yet when they get there, they will twitter and tweet and shake their wings demanding food from their parents. No matter that they are being fed the very food that lies at their own feet!

In truth, most youngsters of any species do this and sooner or later they take the hint and get on with things themselves.



The Bird Table — oil on the However House Sparrows seem to know no bounds in demanding that their parents do all the work and I love watching their antics, especially as they do it about a meter from my back door.

But there is another bird with vociferous and discourteous young that I wouldn't wish to have by my back door step. Not because of the birds themselves but because of their choice of bird table. Red-billed Ox peckers are rather striking as adults for their namesake; the bright red and yellow bill. However they are part of a symbiotic relationship with Africa's largest game animals, usually Cape Buffalo.

Buffalo are one of my 'must-see' safari animals. They are large, arrogant, often grumpy and require a huge amount of respect — even more so considering they are in many ways, simply a big cow. They attract a lot of ticks and biting flies

and these in turn attract the ox peckers. I've watched as these fearless birds probe the buffalo's neck lines, ears, eyes and even nostrils in search of tasty morsels.

But on a recent trip to the East African national parks, I saw that same idle pestering from the chicks of the ox peckers.

Lined up not on a bird table, but on a buffalo's head, the rather dull, brown chicks were eager to accept anything the adult birds could find from the very hair and skin upon which their chicks sat. This bird table however, moved. With one toes of the messive head the chicks carried only to come to rest of the massive head, the chicks scattered, only to come to rest a few feet down the spine and begin their tweeting all over

a few feet down the spine and begin their tweeting an over again.

A full portfolio of Ben's paintings can be found online at www.waddams.webs.com

# **Help for** elderly against raiders

RESIDENTS in sheltered housing schemes in Ellesmere have been given the chance to protect their property following a rise in thefts.

The Meres and Mosses The Meres and Mosses Housing Association, part of Shropshire Housing Group, has provided SmartWater marking kits to tenants in all of its sheltered residen-tial sites in the town.

The move comes after the tenant group TARCA recommended that forensic marking was introduced following two incidents in Market Drayton where elderly ladies were robbed of savings ear. were robbed of savings ear-lier this year.

Bosses said it followed "a handful of thefts at some of the sites'

Resident involvement offi-er Sheila Standley said: cer Sheila Standley said: "When someone's property is marked with SmartWater it allows the police to prove who it belongs to if it's taken and recovered.

"This provides a huge deterrent to thieves because they know that they stand a much higher chance of being caught and convicted when SmartWater is in use.

"Marking property with SmartWater puts a unique forensic code on each item which only shows up under ultraviolet light and which is basically impossible to









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### Welshpool livestock market

WELSHPOOL LIVESTOCK SALES Monday July 29

An entry of Over thirty month cattle sold to average 130.46ppkg for the older cows, 159ppkg for the bulls, Under 48 month old heifers sold to 146ppkg and under 48 month old steers to average 129ppkg. A Welsh Black cow weighing 709kg from WRP Jones, Ysguboriau achieved the top market price of £1079.59; therefore Mr Jones receives the Briarwood Products Limited Prize of £25 for the highest price older cow sold on the day. A Limousin cow weighing 662kg made £1052.58 from JA Wood & Son, Kinnerton farm. An older Welsh Black bull weighing 1050kg made a tetal of £1384.50 OTMS (39) Black bull weighing 1050kg made a total of £1354.50 from MR Evans, Ystrad

from MR Evans, Ystrad Newydd. A Charolais bull under 72 months weighed 1120kg made £1780.80 from Roberts & Jones, Parc. Under 48 month British Blue heifer weighing 744kg made a total of £1116 from SJ Smith, Penybryn.

### FAT CATTLE (10)

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7 top quality heifers at an average price of 251.8ppkg and topped at 267ppkg with 3 other heifers averaging 188ppkg. Medium weights heifers two at top 247ppkg and an average of 239ppkg. Heavy weight heifers up to 267mpkg and an average of 267mpkg. Heavy weight heifers up to 267ppkg and an average of 231.42ppkg. O T Evans, Delfryn making a top price with his two Limousin heifers weighing 471kg and 434kg and achieving a price of 247ppkg followed by 231ppkg. Heavy weight cathewere also topped by two

Limousin Heifers from GW & BA Haynes, Trefnant Isaf weighing 542kg and 553kg and achieving a price of 263ppkg to 267ppkg. The Brairwood Products Limited Prize of £25 for the highest price pence per kilo goes to GW & BA Haynes Trefnant Isaf.

PRIME LAMBS (2934)

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An entry of 2934 prime lambs, achieving an average of 186.15phgs.
Lights (334) to 197ppkg from RG (334) to 197ppkg from RG (334) to 196ppkg from RG (334) to 196ppkg from RG (331) to 196ppkg from RG (331) to 202ppkg from Mess S & Rowen & Gethin, 44 Parc Caradog, Trewern. Others to 201ppkg from Mess S & Rowen & Gethin, 44 Parc Caradog, Trewern. Others to 201ppkg from JH & SA Pughe, Gwernbere Average of 187.18ppkg.
Medium's (1769) to 205ppkg from DM Rowlands, Tyddyn Du. Others to 199ppkg from N Turnbull, Cysgod Cefnilwyni. Average of 185.80ppkg
Heavies (430) to 216ppkg from GTW Andrew, Bwlch, Others to 202ppkg from AE Casewell, Bodynfoel. Average of 193.30ppkg.
Over Weights (12) to 192ppkg from E & SM Hughes, High Park Farm. Others to 191ppkg from Bowen & Bowen, Penthryn. Average of 191.96ppkg.

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**CULL EWE (2952)** There was an increase in numbers this week as well as a slight increase in trade seeing an average of £52.58 for the ewes and £64.45 for 267ppkg and an average of 231.42ppkg. O T Evans, the rams. Cull ewest opped belfryn making a top price with his two Limousin heifers weighing 471kg and selfers weighing 471kg and 434kg and achieving a price of £122 from RG Jenkheifers weighing 471kg and 424ppkg followed by 241ppkg followed by 231ppkg. Heavy weight catachieved a price of £91 from the were also topped by two JG & MWA Clayton, Great for the weight catachieved a price of £91 from the were also topped by two JG & MWA Clayton, Great for the weight catachieved a price of £91 from the weight catachieved a price of £91

Brimmon. Weekly sale of cull sheep to follow immediately after the sale of prime lambs at approx 12 noon.

### STORE EWES AND

STORE EWES AND STORE LAMBS
Store Lambs: The first entry of 55 Store lambs. Mixed & Clean lambs achieved a top price of £55 from PD Shepard & Son. Tup lambs achieving a top price of £59.50 from Dones, Tynyreithin. Mixed & Tup lambs achieved top price of £59 from W Jones, Cwmfedw.
Store Ewes: The first entry of breeding ewes this season, an entry of 189 strong, mainly Suffolk ewes. Suffolk yearling ewes achieved top price of £155

season, an entry of 150 strong, mainly Suffolk ewes. Suffolk yearling ewes achieved top price of £155 from DE & KE Langford, Brunant followed by strong Suffolk 2 year old achieving top price of £158 from CC & SM Edwards, Freehold Farm. Texel 3 year old sold to a top price of £81 from L E Parker. As found Texel ewes achieving top price of £75 also from L E Parker. The only lot of Texel cross Welsh ewe lambs achieved £51 from W Jones, Cwmfedw.

Sale of Store lambs to commence 10.30am followed by breeding ewes at

lowed by breeding ewes at

## DAIRY

A very good entry again met with keen demand with many more potential pur-chasers around the sale

ring. The top price of the day was £2020 paid for a commercial Friesian dairy heifer presented by Mr Ian Cadwalader of Glanhafren and

Brown Swiss at £1610. | Messers JC & W Davies of | Messers JC & W Davies of Gartheryr, Llangedwyn pre-sented a continental Friesian Heifer for £1800 and a second calver for £1620.

£1620.
Pedigree Heifers sold to £1880 from Mr RN Thompson of Oak Green Farm East, Ashbourne selling locally to Mr R Bowdler. While Mr Ian Roberts purchased a Pedigree heifer presented by Messers AS & EM Goolden of Cil Bach, Meifod for £1810.

STORE CATTLE (34)
An entry of 34 store cattle
this week selling to an average of 216.46ppkg for

age of 216.46ppkg for Steers, 175.29ppkg for Bulls and 227ppkg for heifers. Top prices are as follows; Steers Top Price per Kilo British Blue (x1) 335kg 250.70ppkg from MG & MN Hanselman, Knapps Farm Limousin (x3) 356kg 250ppkg from JME & EM Jones, Penrhyn Farm Heifers Top Price per Kilo British Blue (x1) 480kg 291.70ppkg RG Breese, Pen-rallt Farm British Blue (x1) 500kg

British Blue (x1) 500kg 282ppkg RG Breese, Pen-rallt Farm Charolais (x2) 450kg

rallt farm
Charolais (x2) 450kg
236.70ppkg I Burke, Cloy
Bank Farm
Steers Top Price per

Head

Head
Charolais (x1) 555kg
£1260 from NC & AGM
Davies, Penysir
Charolais (x2) 512kg
£1160 from GJ Williams,
The Oak
Charolais (x2) 512kg
£1160 from GJ Williams,
The Oak

Heifers Top Price per

Heaters Top Price per Head British Blue (x1) 500kg £1410 from R G Breese, Penrallt Farm British Blue (x1) 480kg £1400 from R G Breese,

Penrallt Farm

British Blue (x1) 470kg £1090 from R G Breese, Penrallt Farm

Entries now invited for the next sales of Store Cat-tle on Monday 19th August and 2nd September

### FORTHCOMING SALES.

SALES.
Monday 5th August,
Cows and Calves.
Monday 12th August,
Dairy Cows.
Monday 19th August,
Cows and Calves and Store
Cattle.

Friday 23rd August, Welsh Premier Texel Show.

Welsh Premier Texel Show.
Saturday 24th August,
Welsh Premier Texel Sale.
Monday 26th August,
Dairy Cows.
Monday 2nd September,
Organic & Conventional
Store Cattle and Weanlings
and Cows and Calves.
Wednesday 4th Sentem.

Wednesday 4th September, Welsh Premier Beltex

Show and Sale.
Saturday 7th September,
Welshpool Machinery Sale –
at Welshpool Livestock Mar-

ket.
Monday 9th September,
Dairy Cows.
Wednesday 11th September, Welsh Mule Ewe Sale.
Thursday 12th September, Welsh Mule Ewe Lamb

Monday 16th September, Store Cattle and Cows and Calves. Thursday 19th Septem-ber, Cann Office Sheep Sale. Saturday 21st September, Welsh Hill Speckled Face

Rams. Monday 23rd September,

Monday 23rd September, Dairy Cows. Saturday 28th Septem-ber, Yearling Ewes, Lleyn Sheep Society Sale, South-down Sheep Society Sale, Oxford Down Sheep Breed-ers Sale and Coloured and Native Breeds Sheep Sale. ers Sale and Coloureu an Native Breeds Sheep Sale.

# Oswestry

office. Young Bulls (39) Overall

Steers (2) Cros...
179p. Medium Steers (1) Selling
to 168p (£907/head) from R
J & C H Lloyd Cae Howell
Heavy Steers (3) Average

tinued support.

# cattle auctions

OSWESTRY CATTLE AUCTIONS Wednesday July 24

FAT CATTLE: (59)
If you have cattle to sell please contact the Auctioneer Jonathan Evans on 07971 002650 or the Market

Young Bulls (39) Overall Average 199.5p.
Light Bulls (1) Selling to 233p (£1060/head) from S Hudson Wood Farm Medium Bulls (15) Average 194.5p(£1013/head) Selling to 223p from J W Jones & Partners Pantglas Isa Heavy Bulls (23) Average 201p (£1227/head) Selling to 248p from J W Jones & Partners Pantglas Isa Steers (4) Overall Average 179p.

from R L Owen Tany-

coed Heifers (16) Overall Aver-

Heifers (16) Overall Average 211.5p
Medium Heifers (4) Average 225.5p (£988/head) Selling to 248p from E J Jackson Lane Farm
Heavy Heifers (12) Average 208p (£1126/head) Selling to 255p from E J Jackson Lane Farm
Thank you for your continued support.

### FAT LAMBS: (1671) A slightly less entry of 1671 fat lambs.

1671 fat lambs.

The main reasons for the smaller entry were the reduced trade, The Royal Welsh show and good harvesting weather.

However the trade on the day was quite acceptable averaging 180p/kg some 6 or

7p/kg better than earlier in the week. 177 light lambs the week. 177 light lambs averaged 183p/kg peaking at 193p/kgfor 28.5kg lambs making £55 from D M & AS Jones Blaenrhiwarth. 700 standard lambs averaged Jones Biaenfrinwarth. 700 standard lambs averaged 179.5p/kg peaking at 195p/kg with 38.5kg from G R & E W Davies Nanthir making £75. 667 medium lambs averaged 180p/kg with the top price of 199p/kg for 43kg lambs making £85.50 again from Messrs Davies Nanthir. 93 heavy lambs averaged 173.5p/kg with the top price being £88.20. Superlights to 130p Lights to 193p average 183p, Standards to 195p average 179.5p, Mediums to 199p average 180p, Heavies to 186p average 180p, Heavies to 186p average 180p.

## FAT EWES: (694)

A smaller entry forward as expected in Royal Welsh week met another sharp

trade.
The overall average of £49 included a lot of plainer ewes but all types were in demand with a top price of £90 coming from an excel-£90 coming from an excel-lent run of ewes from G R & E W Davies, Bala. The only 3 Rams on offer today sold for £72 from S K & S Hodgson, Ard-

dleen
Please Note: All sheep
entering the market must be

### CALVES: (48)

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Reduced numbers for Royal Welsh Show Week selling to a good level trade throughout. Friesians significantly dearer. Simmental Bulls to pat £408 from Messrs Jones Lyneal Hall. Charolais Bulls to 2535 from Messrs Pryce Coedmawr £344 from Messrs Evans Glaniwrch. British Blue Bulls to £292 from Messrs Davies Lower Fawnog.

British Blue Heifers to the British Blue Heifers to the Royal Royal

£315 from Messrs Hudson Wood Farm. Saler Heifers to £316 & £256 from Messrs Jones Manor Farm. Aberdeen Angus Heifers to £242 & £228 & £222 from Messrs Jones Maesderw. Aberdeen Angus Bulls to £290 £266 & £260 from Messrs Jones Maesderw. Charolais Heifers to £226 from Messrs Evans Glaniwrch. MRI Bulls to £224 £184 & £180 from Messrs Hodgson Arddleen Grange. Friesian Bulls to £140 from Messrs Ellis Pentrewern £138 from Messrs Hodgson Arddleen Grange £136 from Arddleen Grange £136 from Arddleen Grange £136 from Arddleen Grange £136 from Messrs Pryce Coedmawr £110 from Messrs Owen Llwydiarth £110 from Messrs Lewis Jones Grange Farm

U72 & CULL COWS:
(44)
An entry of 44 cattle met
with another excellent
trade. There were a lot of
plain cows forward and non
Farm Assured cattle were harder to sell. All cattle met with a strong trade. Top price Cow 148p/kg, Heifer 179p/kg and Steer 200p/kg Cows

Limousin to 148p average 123.35p/kg
Other to 137p average

Other to 137p average 126.42p)kg Friesian to 137p average 104.66p/kg Heifers Charolais to 179p average 172.92p/kg British Blue to 179p aver-

Limousin to 200p Hereford to 148p average

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# Renault seeking to Captur share of compact car class



boost its reputation as a pioneer in the field of designing versatile, affordable compact cars.

They've not always been successful but are banking heavily on the new Captur making a mark in the emerging B-segent Crossover mar-

ket – though the competition is tough.
In Europe, crossovers account for eight per cent of the small-car B-segment which is dominated by conventional hatchbacks.

The Captur will have to compete head on with Peugeot 2008, Ford Ecosport, Fiat 500X, Vauxhall Mokka and Chevrolet Trax so the suits at Renault, who have had such a hard time in recent years, know life isn't going to be easy.

Renault know how important this model is and have set prices well in providing a funky looking model with a high seating position, good rear seat options and an all-turbo engine selection from 0.9petrol to 1.5diesel.

Based on the Clio the The Captur is good value and undercuts many of its rivals in purchase price and I suspect the 1.5diesel is set to be the best option.

Renault is convinced the Captur will become its second best-selling model in the UK after the Clio. It offers a higher seating position, a more spacious and versatile cabin and a dynamic, car-like driving experience and unlike Juke offers no off-road credentials



Hill start assist is just one of the extras that comes as standard



The cabin offers clearly maked controls and six airbags

Mini, Fiat and Citroen have all cashed in on the trend of buyer personalisation and Renault has now followed Peugeot in offering this extra in optional roof colour and graphics.

There's a bright cabin with clearly marked controls and while you don't get many added luxuries you get what you pay for and the Captur compares favourably in the sector.

You get six airbags, anti-whiplash head restraints, ESP, emergency brake assist and hill start assist as standard across the range and while it is yet to be tested by Euro NCAP the Clio on which it is based picked up a five star rating.

Entry-level Expression cars get 16-inch alloys cruise control and electric windows all round. while Expression+ adds front fog lights, keyless entry and go, automatic lights and wipers and

An upgrade to the Dynamique Media Nav gets you removable seat covers, a seven-inch colour touch-screen, sat-nay, Bluetooth and a

Dynamique S Media Nav adds rear parking sensors, heated front seats, 17-inch alloys and the contrast roof is an option of choice.

There are nine body colours to choose from, three themes Arizona, Miami and Manhattan that group colour and trim sets around orange, blue and silver/black and different combinations of roof and wheel colours and interior highlights.

There are two petrol engines and one diesel, all of which are turbo-charged. The base petrol engine is a 90bhp 900cc unit offering 56mpg and emissions of 115g/km.

The larger 1.2-litre petrol powerplant produces 120bhp while boasting 52mpg and emissions of 125g/km. The latter is available only with a six-speed twin-clutch semi-automatic

90bhp and returns an excellent 76.4mpg and 95g/km emissions.

There's an awful lot at stake for Renault as

they look for a big slice in B-segment but the



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# Triumph's Tiger burning bright in adventure class

## **By John Griffiths**



Born to run - the Tiger 800

Motorcycles are fast: for under £10,000 you can own a road-legal bike which wll out accelerate any

Supercar costing ten times as much.

And if you watch TV reports from the Isle of Man, you will know that even the camera crew's helicopter can't keep up with the TT front runners over the mountain course.

But what does this mean for we ordinary mor tals who, if we used such performance potential on the public roads, would very soon be banned or buried?

In the real world, rapid acceleration is only part of the bike's key to cutting journey times down to size. It's also about agility – being able to filter past lines of crawling traffic, or to be first away at the lights

I was starkly reminded of this when I accompanied a colleague to Triumph's factory at Hinckley, Leicestershire, to pick up a test bike, the latest Tiger 800.

I drove back in a one litre hatchback, which it has to be said, gave limited scope for overtaking on a busy A-road.

My colleague took the bike – and was home a full 40 minutes before me!

According to an internet routing service, the distance was 51 miles and the estimated time one hour five minutes, although that very clearly doesn't take account of Friday afternoon traffic

But since both car and bike faced the same conditions and restrictions it does illustrate how much time you can save on two wheels, either



Stylish machine - Tiger 800 Crystal White

when commuting or enjoying a trip to the sea-

The Tiger is classed as an adventure or enduro type, designed for long journeys both on and off road, but its character makes it a consummate all-rounder.

Its three cylinder engine (a bigger capacity version of the 675 Street Triple's power unit) is torquey but tractable, with a slick and snatch-free six-speed gearbox, non-aggressive throttle and easy clutch.

The engine capacity was increased by length-ening the stroe, and while it's in a lower state of tune than the Street Triple it still turns out a useful 94bhp with the torque spread over a wide rev

be expecting too much. Just two fingers on the brake lever gives you convincing stopping

At 210kg the Tiger is light, and well balanced so you can trickle along, feet up, with confidence when negotiating obstacles and traffic.

As an adventure machine, ground clearance is high and therefore so is the seating position. Seat height is adjustable between 810 and 830mm, and you can knock another 20mm off

with an optional accessory saddle.

The riding position is upright for maximum comfort on a longer trip while also affording the best view ahead.

Behind the seat is a useful luggage rack, which doubes as a passenger grab rail, and naturally there is a full range of luggage on the options list

endure machine because you might well be riding on slippery surfaces such as mud or wet grass. But they also work to make the bike easier, more comfortable to ride on the road, too. and especially if it's wet.

The same can be said of the long-travel sus-

pension: Designed to cope with dirt tracks, it saves the rider from having his or her spine rat-tled on British B-roads, too.

At £7,499 for the standard Tiger (ABS –

always worth it for me – is a £600 option) undercuts the German opposition which has dominated this sector of the market by some margin.

It's both cheaper and more powerful than BMW's F800 GS, for example.

off road, but if that's your bag there's the Tiger XC version at £8,699 which comes with even longer travel suspension and larger (21 inch) front wheel.

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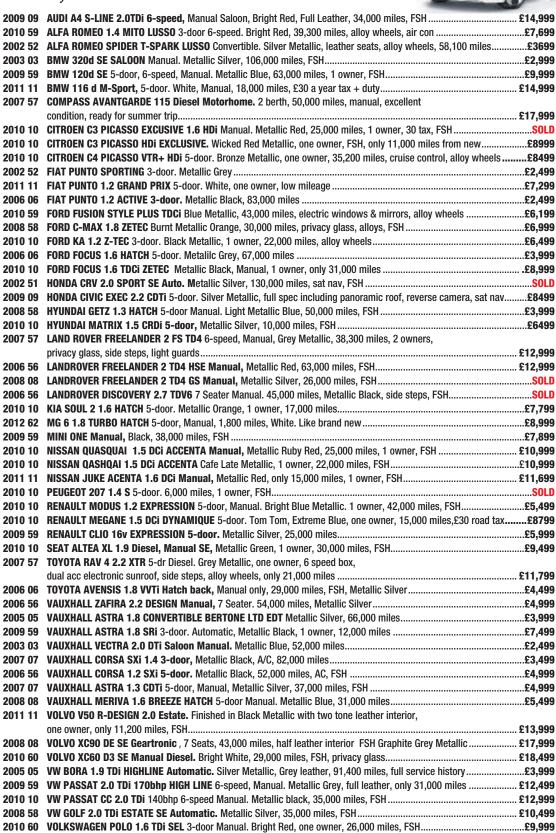
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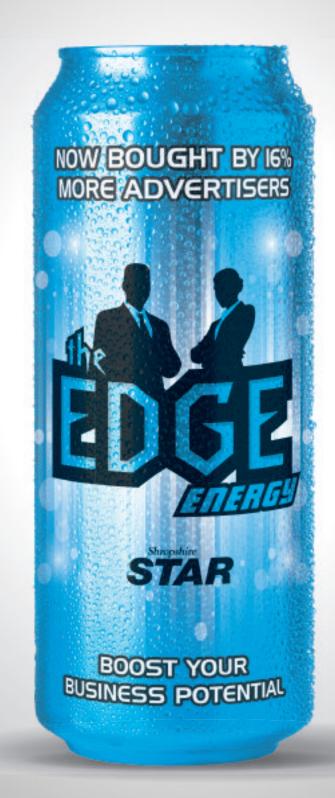
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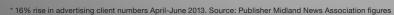
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Wales duo celebrate success

MALDWYN Harriers duo Vicky Gittins and Sarah Williams are resplendent in their Welsh Schools

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Bronze medal winner Vicky Gittins (left) with her Mald-

# Criftins closing in on a promotion double

Full house for Criftins' Tudor Open bowls KO

CRIFTINS are looking well set for a promotion 'one-two' after both their sides continue to occupy the top two places in the Oswestry and District Bowls League division three.

and District Bowls League division three.
Leaders Criftins B stayed 14 points clear at the summit with their 8-2 (148-133) verdict at Royston A.
Andrew Miner shone with a 21-11 success – his 10th win of the campaign – while Adam Price prevailed to 12.
Trying to stay hard on their heels are CRI-FTINS C who were 8-2 home winners against Ceiriog Valley B, taking the aggregate by 50 shots (159-109)
Neil Edwards chalked up his 12th win of the campaign when running out a 21-11 victor, while best card of the night came from Lenny Jones who won to five. Anthony Gillham, with his 10th success of the season, won 21-12 and Carl Dulson 21-13.

A 21-9 card from Brian Hulse, his ninth win this term, helped mid-table WESTON RHYN C share the spoils 5-5 at Overton B, taking the aggregate by just one shot 143-142. Tom Owen also chipped in with a 21-13

win.
WHITTINGTON E were also involved in WHITTINGTON E were also involved in a tight affair as they found themselves edged out 6-4 at home to Flexsys B who shaded the aggregate by 13 shots (145-132).

Kevin Williams won 21-12 for the hosts, and John Harrison came through to 14, but Whittington Ellipset hosts.

and John Harrison came through to 14, but Whittington fell just short.

After their promotion hopes suffered a setback the previous week with an 8-2 loss to Whittington E, CHURCH C got back on track with an 8-2 (159-113) win at home to Plas Kynaston A. Roy Jones impressed with a 21-4 verdict, while Anthony Swannick (21-7) was another winner to single figures.

The race for the fourth division title is back in the balance after leaders Ellesmere A suffered their third defeat of the season—at the hands of their own B team.

The top of the table clash saw second-placed Ellesmere B win unit 20 minus Williams 18 minus 18 min

placed Ellesmere B run out 7-3 winners. Vic-tory saw them move to within six points of the summit, Jim Hall taking the sweep with

a 21-6 win.

Beryl Hall was another good single-figure winner to seven, while Ray Batha notched a hard-fought 21-19 verdict against Courtney

hard-fought 21-19 verdict against Courtney Metcalfe.

Game of the night saw two of the division's form players come face to face, with Ian Metcalfe – who has lost just once all season – notching a 21-20 success over Doug McCoy to record one of three wins for Ellesmere A. Tony Johnson (21-13) was another winner for the division pacesetters, his 14th success

enough.
FOX LANE, in third, stayed in sight of the leading duo with a 7-3 verdict at LLANYMYNECH B, which sees them 11

LLANYMYNECH B, which sees them 11 points off second place.

Their two form players continued their excellent campaigns; Mike Haycocks recorded his 14th win with a 21-15 success, while Paul Lindup (21-9) was best of the night—his 13th win from 15 outings.

For Llany, Simon Lloyd Morgan won 21-10 and Frank Wilcocks 21-12.

At the other end of the table, WESTON RHYN B are just two points off the relegation spots after their narrow 7-3 (130-128) home loss to LLANFYLLIN A.

Both sides had one good single-figure winner, with Patrick Bubb cruising in 21-3 for Rhyn while Mercyn Powell

ick Bubb cruising in 21-3 for Rhyn while Mervyn Powell replied to four WHITTINGTON C are 11 points adrift at the foot of the table after their 8-2 (156-124) beating at LIANRHAEADR C. The home side were helped by Emlyn Thomas' 21-7 card.

The villagers' two replies came from Philip Pierpoint (21-13) and Ivor Haynes (21-17).

# Big boost as **Weston bid** to dodge the drop

WESTON RHYN D boosted WESTON RHYN D boosted their hopes of escaping the drop in Oswestry and District Bowls League division five by claiming an important 8-2 home success over fellow strugglers Whittington D. Glyn Evans led the way with a 21-5 victory as Rhyn took the aggregate by 24 (150-126), lan Watts also winning well to 10.

(130-126), Ian watts also winning well to 10.

Whittington, who themselves remain deep in danger just above the basement zone, responded through a 21-7 card from Edward Williams while Rita Moir was the other winner to 17.

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YE OLDE CROFTE B are seven points adrift at the foot of the table after their slender 6-4 home loss to third-placed

Chirk C who took the aggregate by eight shots (142-134).
Val Francis was best for the Crofte with a 21-8 win, while Ted Lewis prevailed 21-

Juliet Brown (21-10) continued her good form for LLANRHAEADR B by chalking up a 13th win of the season – but her side suffered a narrow 7-3 (142-138) loss at Cynwyd B.

Keith Prior, with a 21-7 success, was best for the visitors who have now slipped to fourth after the defeat.

LLANRHAEADR remain clear at the top of division six after their 7-3 (146-124) home win against one of their main promotion contenders, Criftins D.

Good single-figure wins from Tom Roberts (21-7) and Steve Fox (21-9) secured the spoils, with Brian Howell (21-11) and Luke Dulson the best of the responses. Juliet Brown (21-10) con-

of the responses. LLANYMYNECH C are up ILANYMYNECH C are up to fourth as they kept alive their promotion hopes with an 8-2 beating of one of their principal rivals, LLAN-RHAEADR E, taking the aggregate comfortably 150-102.

The hosts had three single-figure successes, with Dean Roberts triumphing 21-3 while Tony Puzey won 21-6 and Kieran Jones 21-9.

Best of the replies was Roy Giles (21-9).

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LLANFYLLIN B notched a 6-4 (155-134) home win over Llangynog B to stay in sight of the leading pack, Tony Birch (21-7) providing the best card and Jim Parry also winning well, 21-8.

However, WESTON RHYN E lost ground after going down 7-3 (141-123) at Johnstown E, despite good single-figure wins from Nev Sharp (21-9) and Mark Jones Sharp (21-9) and Mark Jones (21-9).

# Rhyn slip back into danger after a whitewash at Llany

williams are respientent in their Welsh Schools vests after an international meeting.

The two represented their country at the Schools' International Athletics Board (SIAB) Under-17 track and field meeting in Dublin.

Gittins took a bronze medal as part of the girls' 4x100m relay team. She also recorded a personal best time in finishing seventh in the 300m hurdles, an event she has only recently taken ap. relegation dogfight in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division one after crash-

ing 10-0 at basement rivals LLANYMYNECH A. It was the third whitewash suffered by Rhyn this season and the damaging defeat could not have come at a worse time, leaving the division newcomers back in the relegation places with just five matches remaining. For Llany, it was the perfect response after their defeat to rock bottom Overton A, and lifts them eight points clear of

the bottom two.

williams personal best and sixth place in the triple jump was all the more remarkable consid-ering that Maldwyn Har-riers currently lack jumping facilities at their Newtown track.

the bottom two.

They were far superior on their own green, taking the aggregate 168-87 to leave Rhyn – who had been hoping for at least a couple of winners – empty handed.

Derek Taylor went closest for the visitors when losing to 20 and Peter Plunkett, up from the second string, went down to 18.

The return of Mark Kirkham made a big difference for Lany, and he led the charge with victory to three, while Keith Bacon and James Candlin both won 21-7, and

while Keith Bacon and James Candlin both won 21-7, and Henry Pugh to nine.

The pressure's now on Rhyn who host high riding Ceiriog Valley A next week. CHURCH A made sure they won't be dragged into a relegation scrap with a 7-3 home victory against struggling Overton A, winning the aggregate by 26 shots (144-118).

Chances

### Chances

Skipper Travis Stokes led the way with his team's biggest win to six, Adrian the way with his team's biggest win to six, Adrian Humphreys won to nine, but Church have some tough games coming up, starting with next week's trip to title chasing Ruabon A.

CRIFTINS A saw the defence of their title fade further as they slipped into fifth spot with a 9-1 loss at Flexsys A, who stormed to a 59-shot (161-102) aggregate win.

The reigning champs were well beaten, Gary Wilkie their only winner when prevailing 21-14 for his 13th success of the campaign, while Tom Griffiths lost to 19.

Despite the absence of inform skipper Aled Davies over title hopefuls Johnstown A, taking the shots 149-121.

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149-121.
Brian Sinker was the best of the night with a 21-7 win, while Graham Humphreys was not too far behind to nine, while Ben Hampson

nine, while Ben Hampson won 21-10. In-form Ceiriog Valley A are looking good in the title chase as they swept aside one of their main rivals, Ruabon A, 9-1 (164-123) to move clear at the top.

Steve Jones continued his fine form as LLAN-RHAEADR A further enhanced their promotion chances in division two with

D Agg Pts 0+262 81 0+124 62 0+24 60 1 -58 58 0-110 55 1+37 51 0 -24 51 0 -84 49 0-171 43 chances in division two with a 7-3 (28 shots) home success over CHURCH B.

Jones made it 16 wins out

# BOWLS by John

**Bridgwater** 

of 17 outings with a 21-10 victory to stay on course for the merit honours, while it was a case of keeping up with the Jones's as Neil Jones took the coppers with a 21-5 success, while I an won to 11.

Llanrhaeadr are looking

Llanrhaeadr are looking good in second spot, just two points behind leaders Johnstown B, but face three tough away games in their remaining five matches.

Glenys Jones was the best of the Church replies with a 21-6 success, husband Emrys Jones was also in winning form (21-18) while the Coswestry side's other point came from Pam Milner (21-19). They now lie sixth in the 19). They now lie sixth in the

table.
YE OLDE CROFTE A
hauled themselves into the
promotion hunt with a fine 73 (142-138) success at
GEORGE, that saw them
leapfrog their hosts into
fourth spot.

Bryan Perry (21-8) led the

leaprog their nosts into fourth spot.
Bryan Parry (21-8) led the charge for the visitors while Paul Edwards (21-15) was another good winner, with Carleton Leonard (21-9) the best for George whose other responses came from John Hughes (21-13) and Phil Laker (21-15).
WHITTINGTON Blipped closer to the drop from the second division after losing 7-3 at Llangollen A, but could take heart from a spirited showing that saw them lose the aggregate by just four shots.
Brian Whitley (21-10) was

Brian Whitley (21-10) was their best winner, with Richard Beaman prevailing to 11.

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BLACK LION, who were hosting Johnstown D last night, leaped clear of the basement pack in division two with a crushing 9-1 (166-122) home romp against Llangynog A the previous week, with Geoff Gough and Karl Adams both winning to 12 and Andrew Jones to 14.

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# CRIFTINS Bowling Club held their Tudor Griffiths Open competition with a full list of 32 pairs competing for this prized annual competition. A long and fantastic day was well supported, with the club grateful to Tudor Griffiths for the much valued continuous support.

# Ifton on brink of danger zone

IFTON continue to flirt with the basement pack in the Shropshire Premier Bowls League after being held 7-7 at home to Chester Road. The St Martins side had won the match 7-5, but the Roaders earned parity cour-tesy of taking the shots aggregate by just three (220-217).

217). The result leaves Ifton fifth from bottom, just six points off the basement zone, and points will be hard earned on Friday night when they visit table-topping Meole Brace.

Gerwyn Davies took Ifton's most valuable player honour with a 21-14 victory over Keith Wall, but the hosts would have been disappointed not to take the overall victory in a closely-fought tussle.

### **PLACINGS**

## **Furrows Shropshire**

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Hadley USC17	5	86	-209	96
Bylet17	5	86	-428	96
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10 7 11.				

while Leighton Roberts won to 12 and Geoff Samuels 21-18.

The hosts also had three

honour with a 21-14 victory over Keith Wall, but the hosts would have been disappointed not to take the overall victory in a closely-fought tussle.

Andrew Armstrong was Ifton's biggest winner of the night when prevailing 21-11,

# Ben powers to title race boost

Pictured from left are: Runner-up, Dave Edwards Overton), Andrew Jones Criftins BC and "Mayor of The Areen", winners Terry Thompson (Criftins) and Tom ones (Johnstown) and the other runner-up Meggis Philips (Ceiriog Valley).

MID WALES racing driver Ben Power kept his championship hopes alive with a consistent performance at the North Wales rounds of the UK Legends Car series. Power, from Guilsfield, near Welshpool, remains fourth in the standings after an eventful weekend's racing at the Anglesey circuit.

He finished fifth and seventh in Saturday's heats, but tangled with Belgian racer Guy Fastres in the final and was out of the running.

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He bounced back on Sunday, however, with second and

He bounced back on Sunday, nowever, with second and seventh in the heats and sixth in the final.

"It wasn't a bad weekend overall," said 23-year-old Power. "The results were fairly consistent, but we were suffering with understeer.

Problems

"We think we've figured out the problem now, so looking forward to the next round at Donington Park."

The series resumes with a televised round at Donington Park in Derbyshire on August 17.

Last season was the best ever for the Welshpool and Oswestry-based Guttercrest team. Power recorded his first race wins in Legends Cars, and for a while he was second in the championship behind long-time leader and now champion Lawrence Davey, from East Sussex.

Earlier this year, he won a live televised race at Mallory Park circuit in Leicestershire.

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Frankton's Tom Wilkie chips the ball into the leg side during the six-wicket defeat to Cound. Pictures: Richard Dawson.

# Sad Frankton suffer a basement blow

paid to any lingering relegation concerns in the premier division were given a jolt as they slumped to a six-wicket loss at rock-bottom Cound.

rock-bottom Cound.

An encounter dominated by
the bowlers saw Frankton sent
back for 125 in the 34th over
after opting to bat first.

Not one of their batsmer
could get into the 20s in an
inept display against an accurate attack.

rate attack.

Cound's bowlers picked up wickets on regular intervals, Adam Williams the most successful with 3-42 from 15 overs.

The hosts made a flying start

order. Three quick wickets revived Frankton's hopes before Jack Case (32no) and James Owen's brisk 24 helped

James Owen's brisk 24 helped clinch a valuable win in the 24th over, spinner Thomas Wilkie taking 2-30.
Clear leaders FRANKTON II continued their march towards the reserve division two crown with a 180-run hammering of Pontesbury II at Hardwick Park.
Captain Mark Lammie led the way with 86 not out in his side's formidable 276-4 in 45 overs, with other half-centuries coming from openers Richard

coming from openers Richard Jones (66) and Dave Powell There were two wickets apiece for Daniel Lewis Lakelin and

Lawrence Evans.
Pontesbury were then rolled over for 96, Stuart Richards providing some resistance with 23 not out, as Will James took 3-22 and George Dickin 2-10.

23 not out, as Will James took
3-22 and George Dickin 2-10.
KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY III's superior bowling
attack proved decisive as they
overcame near-neighbours
FRANKTON III by six wickets in division five.
Frankton opted to bat, but
were pegged back by the opening attack of James Gallimore
and Martin Ford. Both bowled
12-over spells, conceding just 12-over spells, conceding just

Gallimore took three wickets -all of them bowled - in four

balls. Although John James (57) and Owen Ellis (38) batted well, a 40-over total of 170-8 never seemed quite enough on

never seemed quite enough on a good pitch.

The Knockin reply was built around a second-wicket part-nership of 85 between Shaun Moses (69no) and Mac Niddrie Davies (37). Leg spinner Jack Evans eventually made the breakthrough and went on to take two further wickets, but Knockin eased home in the 37th over. They picked up 24 points, Frankton four.



Frankton's Tom Wilkie works the ball to

Williams

in century

boost for

the leaders

RUNAWAY leaders Knockin

RUNAWAY leaders Knockin
& Kinnerley are looking
unstoppable at the top of the
Shropshire League Division
Two after sweeping aside
Ellesmere by nine wickets
thanks to a rapid century
from Richard Williams.
Opting to bat first,
Ellesmere posted 178-9 in 40
overs as several batsman

overs as several batsman failed to make the most of

promising starts.

tailed to make the most of promising starts.
Graeme Cowey top-scored with 28, Ashley Thomas hit 26 and Fraser Duncan 22, with 41 extras also helping to boost the cause, while Hugh Morris bagged 3-59 and Matty Evans 2-31.
Knockin made light of the run chase, with opener Williams blitzing his way to an unbeaten 109 off just 62 balls, with seven sixes and 15 other boundaries.
Skipper Jak Jones also waded in with 34 and Steven Gray 23 not out as Knockin reached their target in the 24th over for the loss of just one wicket which fell to Joe Austin (1-20). Defeat left Ellesmer third from bottom.
KNOCKIN & KINNER-

Defeat left Ellesmere third from bottom. KNOCKIN & KINNER-LEY II maintained their promotion push in the Reserve Division Two with an eight-wicket romp over Madeley II. Jamie Jagger (3-48), Lawrence Hitchen (2-20) and Alan Bevan (2-48) helped dismiss Madeley for 177, and Knockin had few problems as they breezed to

177, and Knockin had lew problems as they breezed to their target in the 23rd over. Ed Nicholas (68) and fel-low opener Bluey Thomas (39) put them on course before Jagger hit 50 not out, including four sixes.

**PLACINGS** 

Premier Division: Bomere Heath v ound, Frankton v Allscott, St Georges Albrighton, Wem v Peman Services, orfield v Newport, Wroxeter v Ludlow. Division One: Alberbury v Lilleshall, roseley v Forton, Condover v Much enlock, Montgomery v Madeley, New-wm v Shelton, Welshpool v Pontes-ury.

# Ruch ado about nothing for Glas

THE wheels came off the Cae Glas bandwagon as they went down by eight wickets at Shrewsbury III to lose ground in the divi-

sion three promotion chase.

Losing the toss was not the best start to the day and

the best start to the day and being inserted proved a master stroke by the Shrewsbury captain as shellshocked Glas were left reeling at 35-6.

Only Ruch Nimantha showed much resistance, playing a few risky shots to give the innings some momentum only to fall on 36 to yet another catch as the Glas were removed for a the Glas were removed for a mere 88 runs

mere 88 runs.

A full-out attacking field did yield a couple of wickets for skipper Keith Yapp, who finished on 2-35. But Shrewsbury, with one eye on the approaching bad weather, knocked off the runs without further loss to leave the Glas with just one point for their timid effort.

CAE GLAS II maintained their title aspirations in the reserve division three after eking out a thrilling one-wicket success in the last

wicket success in the last over against lowly Ludlow IV.

## **Shortage**

Shortage

Ludlow had made a cautious start and, with wickets in hand, might have been a little disappointed with 188-4 from 45 overs. Jack Small top-scored with 66 and Simon Miles was left undefeated on 49.

Despite the shortage of wickets, the home attack provided tight bowling throughout, two victims falling to Dave Smith and one each to Nick Chesters and the ever-dependable Shaun Southern.

In reply, all batters made their contribution, but the home side found partnerships difficult to establish.

After losing their ninth wicket to the final ball of the penultimate over, the Glas found themselves needing two runs to win with six balls remaining and all results possible.

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A scampered single brought the scores level only for the unfortunate Danny Bradley (4-34) to bowl a wide with three balls remaining as the Gatacre hosts took the 20 points.

For the Glas, Pete Bowyer kept up his recent good form by ton-scoring

good form by top-scoring with 42; Simon Wood hit 37 and Aidan Martyn smashed 27

# Miles strikes with minutes to spare as Oswestry go top





OSWESTRY'S cricketers beat the rain to storm back to the top of the Birmingham League division two table with a 132-run win

over Stratford-upon-Avon at Morda Road.

Indeed, for much of the game their chief opponent seemed to be the weather, paceman Jonathan Miles taking the last wicket just 10 minutes before heavy rain began.

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Oswestry made a shaky
start after electing to bat,
and were 7-2 after six overs.
But Joe Carrasco and
Ryan Fynn steadied the ship
with a stand of 82.
After Fynn was dismissed
for 35, Carrasco went on to
make 96 – his highest firstteam score at Morda Road.
A large crowd was left dis-

hake 30 - his highest lires team score at Morda Road.
A large crowd was left disappointed when the 17-year-old was dismissed just four runs short of his century.
Skipper Mark Robinson then took centre stage, blasting 75 off only 39 balls to lift. Oswestry's total to 241-7 off their 55 overs.
Stratford were never in the hunt after Miles dismissed opener Rob West and Aussie Peter Wilson, and Warrick Fynn's left-arm spin gave them no respite.
Miles, the division's leading wicket-taker, finished with 3-49 and Fynn 4-31 as Stratford were bowled out for 109 in 41 overs.

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OSWESTRY II's impressive run chase was halted by the rain at Milford Hall in the 2nd XI League (North).
After all the calculations had been carried out, they had to settle for a losing draw.

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Rob Allen took 6-65 as Milford Hall were restricted to 222-9 off their 50 overs.

Josh Coleridge (45no) and Dominic Bright (38) put Oswestry in a position of some strength at 91-1 after 23 overs of the reply, but then the match was halted by the weather.

It was a similar story at Morda Road on Sunday, where a fine all-round performance by Jack Harris for OSWESTRY III was all in vain as rain intervened with the Shropshire League division three game against

## **PLACINGS**

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	Whitchurch14	3	4	2	14	14	183			
	Eastnor14	2	5	1	11	23	171			
	Water Orton14	- 1	7	0	9	17	165			
	Halesowen14	3	7	0	15	22	163			
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	Fordhouses14	- 1	10	1	28	15	72			
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Aston Manor14	- 4	2	- 1	18	13	210
Milford Hall14	6	3	0	18	17	209
Cannock14	- 5	3	- 1	16	16	199
Stourbridge14		6	- 1	15	20	162
Oswestry14	- 1	8	0	22	32	136
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Fordhouses14	- 1	7	- 1	23	24	110
Whitchurch14						
Brewood14	0	11	0	12	29	7

Church Aston finely bal-

Church Aston inney bar-anced.
Harris hit 69, Owen John son 42 and Josh Kirk 26 as Oswestry were bowled out for 192 in a game reduced to 30 overs a side.
Ganesh Kumar was 34 not out when rain ended the game with Church Aston on 83-4.

Harris's prodigious inswing was proving difficult for the visitors, and he

cult for the visitors, and he took 3-12.

OSWESTRY IV picked up 22 points when Acton Reynald II rang to say they couldn't raise a side for their reserve division three encounter.

oswestry Firsts face a rel-atively short trip on Satur-day when they travel to bottom-of-the-table Ford-

The Seconds are at home

The Sections are a nome to the same club.

The Thirds are away to Church Stretton, and the Fourths visit Forton Seconds



Duck – Shelton batsman Sam Jones takes evasive action as Montgomery fast bowler Harry Wilkinson sends down a bouncer during the Shropshire Cricket League reserve division one match. Picture: lan Sheppard.

# Defeat leaves Montgomery in danger of facing the drop

LOWLY Montgomery continue to flirt with basement danger in the Shropshire League reserve division one after

suffering a 42-run loss at promotion-chasing Shelton.

Some solid bowling had made Shel-ton work hard to reach 150 all out in
48 overs, with Richard Powell (4-33)
and Aaron Ruff-Cock (3-30) leading the
way for the Mid Wales men.

and Aaron Ruff-Cock (3-30) leading the way for the Mid Wales men.
Ruff-Cock then made 44 for Montgomery but there was little support at the other end as the innings subsided to 108 all out in the 33rd over, with Kim Rose blooming with 6-22 off 13.1

MONTGOMERY II maintained their pursuit of a top-five finish in the reserve division two with a crushing 162-run beating of struggling Shelton II. The Mid Wales side made the most II. The Mid Wales side made the most of batting first as they amassed an imposing 239-8 in 40 overs with steady contributions throughout.

Jake Wilkinson top-scored on 38, John Barker 32 and tail-ender Tom Wilkinson hit 30 not out late on, while

boost the home cause.

The Shelton batting then collapsed

to 77 all out in reply in the 30th over, the only resistance coming from captain Matt Cadwallader with 28. David Jones did much of the damage with 5-15, while Mike Williams weighed in with 2.8

5-15, while Mike Williams weighed in with 3-8.

Struggling WELSHPOOL II moved closer to relegation from the reserve division one after their woes continued with a nine-wicket drubbing at the hands of Wellington IV.

The Maesydre hosts were bundled out for 78 in the 28th over, opener Chris Proctor making 22 before being rapped leg before, while Naz Akhtar proved chief destroyer with 8-32 from 14.4 overs.

Wellington encountered few problems in reply with Mark O'Connor (44no) taking them to their modest target in the 16th over, with Robert Anderson (1-26 off eight overs) picking up the one wicket to fall.

While the club's two senior sides

Runs there – Shelton batsman Sam Jones scores off this James Corfield delivery with Montgomery wicketkeeper Rob Barrett hoping that an edge comes his way

have found the going tough this term, WELSHPOOL III are taking division six by storm as they consolidated pole position with an eight-wicket win over Whitchurch III.

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Batting first, Whitchurch toiled to 105 all out, with Joseph Sherwood (34) providing the only innings of note, while David Williams bagged 4-24 and Allan Edward Wiliams 2-19.

Skipper Matthew Knight then struck 54 out to see Pool to their modest target in the 22nd over, Roger Knight also chipping in with 29.

GUILSFIELD's clash with Trysull & Seisdon was cut short by the wet weather, with the Mid Wales men on 44-1 in response to 238.

Matthew Jones (3-54), Ryan Davies (3-34) and Daniel Brown (3-61) were among the wickets, while Neil Bennett hit 56 for the Wolverhampton hosts in a 97-run opening stand.

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hit 56 for the Wolverhampton hosts in a 97-run opening stand. In the reply, the Guils had reached 44-1 off 10.3 overs, Sam Griffiths the one casualty for 16, before rain halted a well-poised contest.

# Davies hits

LEE Davies cracked a fine century as ELLESMERE II had the better of a drawn encounter against PONTES-BURY III in division six.

Opener Davies carried his bat for 111 not out in his side's 225-3 in 35 overs, George Duncan also hit 44. In response, Pontesbury finished well short on 140-7, Gary Bromley top scoring on 51, while Rob Duncan picked up four wickets.

# superb ton

Wenlock, Montgomery v Madeley, Newrown v Shelton, Welshpool v Portesbury.

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# Red-hot Lewis has six appeal

KIERON Lewis bagged six of the best as WHITTINGTON reignited their pro-motion challenge in division five with a convincing 88-run success over visit-ing Reman Services III.

The batsmen were back in form as opener Jonathan Mitchell cracked 86, with eix eixes and 11 fours, while Mon-

with six sixes and 11 fours, while Mar-tyn Simmons (33) and Dave Edwards

(33no) also maintained the momentum as the villagers reached 224-9 in 40 overs, Matthew Higgins taking 4-39. After losing two early wickets, Reman rallied through Tim Norman (50) and Codforn Biotomyle (21) before

(59) and Godfrey Richards (31) before the innings subsided for 136, Lewis fin-ishing with impressive figures of 6-15 from 12 overs, and Nick Remon 2-4.

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### **PLACINGS**

OSWESTRY Tennis Club's teams were all out in force again as the Shropshire Summer League season draws to a close – but the ladies' first team wilted in the heat against title-chasers Shrewsbury.

Their new first pairing of Judy Lloyd and Erian Lloyd-Jones put up a valiant fight against the Shrewsbury first pair, but lost in straight sets.

The second pairing of captain Josie Macrae and Kat Oakley, who was carrying a calf injury, had a similar outcome against Shrewsbury second pairing.

The reverse rubbers followed a similar pattern with Lloyd and Lloyd-Jones defeated in straight sets while the first pair were forced to retire due to Oakley's injury.

will be enough to retain their position in Group One.

The men's first team played Baschurch II with the first pairing, captained by the virus-struck Simon Jackson and partner Gary Edwards, making a slow start and quickly losing the first set 1-6.

They then fell into a 2-5 deficit in the second before winning a run of games to win the second set 7-5, taking the rubber into a third-set deciding tie-break which the opposition won.

sition won.

The Oswestry second pairing of Matt Grice, partnering Stephen Mosford for the first time this season, soon stormed to vicinity time this season, soon stormed to vicinity the season pair taking straight sets 6-3, 6-4.

straightforward result in their second rub-ber, winning in straight sets 6-1, 6-2. After

but Oswestry claimed six of the eight available points by virtue of having won one

more set.

In their second rixture of the week, they recorded their fourth victory in succession against bottom-of-the-league team Shrewsbury IV who had struggled to get a team for the night. Edwards and Jackson beat the opposing first pair 6-2, 6-0 and then easily wan their second rubby nearly 6-1, 6-1, 6-1.

Saffron Rainey was equally as impressive beating the second pair 6-1, 6-1, but their

pair proved much closer. They still came out the winners 6-4, 7-5.

The ladies second team travelled to Wood-field Tennis Club for their penultimate fix-ture of the season

field Tennis Club for their penultimate fix-ture of the season.

In the first-round rubbers, the first pair of Carol Slater and Speth Cumpston had an epic three-setter against the Woodfield first pair which took three tie-breaks to deter-mine the winner. Woodfield just edged out the Oswestry ladies 6-7, 7-6, 0-1 (8-10).

Their second rubber proved to be a much easier affair which they took in straight sets 6-0, 6-4. Due to player unavailability, Julie Phillips partnered debutant Janis Stelfox as second pair who had stepped in to replace

second pair who had stepped in to replace

the absent Linda Davies.

Unfortunately, due to lack of match practise together, theyoutplayed and lost in sraight sets to the two Woodfield pairs.

## In-form Boam rides a season's best to win

IAN Boam was again in dominant form in the latest round of North Shropshire Wheelers' evening series of

whiteners evening series of races.

His season's best-time of 22.17 was more than two minutes faster than second-placed Rob Kidd, who posted a time of 24.51.

In his first start in the series, Phil Guy secured third in a time of 25.13 with Mike Rigby fourth, nine seconds adrift. Archie Walkerdine completed the top five stopping the clock at 25.51.

Caroline Lloyd finished first lady in a time of 30.17 with Alison Gibson recording 31.58.

Sweltering

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Other NSW times: lan Jones 27.21, Geoff Edgerton 27.56, Terry Price 28.03, Andy Harper 28.05, Fichard Cordova 28.18, Les Boughey 29.53, Mark 10.11 Earnet 20.05, Fichard Cordova 28.18, Les Boughey 29.53, Wark 10.11 Earnet 20.05, Wark 10.10 Earnet 20.05, Wark 10.10 Earnet 20.05, Wark Musgrove travelled to Yorkshire to ride the Wolds RT 10-mile trial race. Held on the A63, the journey proved worthwhile with

Held on the A63, the jour-ney proved worthwhile with a season's best time of 21.06. Meanwhile, Phil Guy and Geoff Edgerton made the trip to Monmouth to com-pete in the Ross-on-Wye 10-mile time trial. In sweltering conditions, Guy completed the race in a time of 23.53 with Edgerton recording 25.52.

## **GOLF RETURNS**

LLANYMYNECH
Men's 36 hole Club Championships - Best Gross Winner: James
Hampson 70+75=145, 2 Tom King
75+71=146, 3 Garry Huggett
72+74=146; Best Nett: Martyn Smith
8+66=134, 2 Paul Whale 68+68=136, 3
Garry Huggett 68+70=138
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86+83=169 **Best Nett (RC Holt Cup):** 1 Harry Edwards 97-28=69 + 94-28=66 tota nett 135, 2 Will Owen 97-26=71 + 93-26=67.

man Cup): 1 Toby Mission 54, 2 Ellie Roberts 56. Academy Course Champion: 1 Rhys Owen, 2 Callum Smith. Ladles Club Championships: 1 Anne Weetman 76-6-60, 2 Valerie Jones 96-25=71, 3 Christine Evans 78-

OSWESTRY

2 Maggie brown 35pts, 3 meien winding 34pts; **Upper Bronze:** 1 Anita Brock 38pts, 2 Ruth Roberts 34pts\*, 3 Anne

17points Ladies High Am-Am Open: 1 H Wadkin, J Everill, L Clewley 86pts, 2 G Griffiths, G Baines-Jones, L Morris 83pts, 3 W Horan, A Price, M Crane 74 points.

points.
Lady Non-Members Am-Am
Open: 1 C Figari, M Walker, S Parr 85
pts, 2 H Dinsdale, B Young, S DeBarro
82pts, 3 J Gresty, L Finlay, K Delany
81 pts.
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Sips. WELSHPOOL
Centenary Shield: 1 Harry Bowen
39 pts, 2 Lee Griffin 39 pts, 3 Andrew
Watkins 37 pts, 4 Alun Evans 37 pts.
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Steve Proctor 70, 4

## **PLACINGS**

Saxonby Shrewsbury & District Evening Cricket League DIVISION 1

# Title-chasers prove too strong for Oswestry

were forced to retire due to Oakley's injury. It was a disappointing result, but with only two fixtures left in the season they are hopeful that the points they currently hold

tory over the Baschurch second pair, taking

Jackson and Edwards had a more

marginally losing the first set 4-6, Grice and Mosford played out of their skins to take the second set off the opposing first pair 6-4 before succumbing to them in the third set championship tie-break.

The match finished at two rubbers each

won their second rubber easily 6-1, 6-1,

The second pair of Mosford and debutant

# Harrison so proud, despite Saints' swift European exit

DIRECTOR of football Craig Harrison insisted The New Saints gave it their best shot despite falling at the first hurdle in the UEFA Champions League, beaten by Legia Warsaw.

A goal eight minutes into the second half by Georgian international Vladimir Dvalishvili was enough to earn the Poles a 1-0 home win on the night and 4-1 aggregate victory. Legia progressed through to the third qualifying round with relative ease, dominating the second leg encounter and had enough chances to win more convincingly.

They now go through to face Norwegians Molde FK, managed by former Man-chester United ace Ole Gun-

chester United ace Ole Gun-nar Solskjær.

The Saints had a moun-tain to climb even before the first whistle following a 3-1 defeat in last week's first leg at Wrexham.

But Harrison felt he could not have asked for more from his charges against a top-class outfit brimming with internationals.

with internationals.
Brave defending and
plenty of spirit helped keep
the Poles at bay for most of
the game in front of a vociferous crowd of more than
17,000 at the Pepsi Stadium,
with the Saints given a
standing ovation from the
Legia fans at the final whistle

**Summer coaching** 

for kids with TNS

OVER the duration of the summer, The New Saints FC is hosting a special summer league which will provide an opportunity for more children to enjoy playing the sport. The 'Kidz League' will be open to both academy and non-

academy players, and to enter a team, players can fill in a form from the club or contact Craig Edwards (01691

## FOOTBALL by John **Bridgwater**

from our players," said Harrison, the former Middlesbrough and Crystal Palace defender.
"The lads were outstand-

ing in every department and were a credit to the football

were a credit to the football club.

"It was an amazing atmosphere and I could not have asked for more from every one of us.
"In the end, there was a big difference between the teams, but we have no need

to be ashamed of the result.
"It was an amazing expe-

rience, an honour to lead a rence, an honour to lead a team in the Champions League and without a doubt the proudest moment in my football career."

The Saints were on the

back foot for the most part, but had a few half-chances with last season's top scorer Mike Wilde failing to make a telling contact with his header from Jamie Mullan's

header from Jamie Mullan's left-wing cross while Alex Darlington shot weakly at keeper Dusan Kuciak when well placed. Chris Seargeant had a couple of efforts on goal in the second half, and substi-tute Greg Draper just failed to meet Mullan's left-wing cross late in the game.

### Fantastic

"I am disappointed, as we came here to play football and do anything to win," said Harrison.

"We still felt we could win,

"We still felt we could win, we aimed to score three but Legia are a very good team and made it very difficult for us. They are a fantastic club and I can see them going all the way to the group stages of the Champions League. The Legia fans were bril-The Legia fans were bril-liant, and the ovation they gave us was unbelievable.

form from the club or contact Craig Edwards (01691 684840) for further information.

This week, the league catered for under-sevens, undereights and under-nines from 1-4pm. It will cost each player £5 (based on a minimum of six players competing).

There will be an opportunity for the older boys to get involved too as, a week later, the Kidz League "will be open to the under-10, under-11 and the under-12 age groups. The dates will be Tuesday and Thursday, August 6 and 8.

The final week will allow the under-13s, under-14s and under-15s a chance to show off their skills on Tuesday and Thursday, August 13 and 15.

All of the players who take part will be rewarded by getting discount on a series of special trips, with stadium tours to both Manchester United and Manchester City planned for Tuesday and Thursday, August 20 and 22.

gave us was unbelievable.
"From our point of view,
we are looking to progress
year in, year out with our
performances in Europe.
"I believe we have
improved on last season and
hopefully we can take that
forward."

# **Junior title** trophy joy for teen ace Llovd

SEVENTEEN-year old Lloyd Roberts kept success in the family after winning the Llanymynech Golf Club Junior Championship at the final time of asking.

In 2011, as a 15-year old, he won the men's club championship to become the second youngest winner of the event in the club's history — the youngest

history – the youngest being Lloyd's father, Edward, in 1976.

Libyd's Tatrief, Edward, in 1976.
Lloyd won the Jubilee Tray and the Furrows Cup at Llanymynech in 2009, during which he also finished ninth at the European Father & Son Cup in Spain alongside Edward.
The teenager has represented Shropshire juniors since the age of 14, and has also played for the men's B team.
Lloyd is not the only

Lloyd is not the only

Roberts sibling to graduate from the junior ranks at Llanymynech – his elder brothers Jack and Sam

brothers Jack and Sam having also achieved suc-cess in the golfing world. Jack, 23, is a qualified Professional Golfers Asso-ciation pro and works for the Mid Wales Golf Acad-emy, which provides tuition to golfers of all ages and ability. Sam, 22, recently quali-fied as a PGA assistant pro-fessional. He works in that

fessional. He works in that capacity at Llanymynech Golf Club.



Family fortune at Llanymynech

# Cricket club runs final trip

OSWESTRY CC are running a coach to Shrop-shire's MCCA Trophy final against Berkshire at Sir Paul Getty's at Sir Paul Getty's ground in Bucking-hamshire on Wednesday,

hamshire on weanesaay, August 28.
Cost will be approxi-mately £20, and the coach will also be pick-ing up in Shrewsbury and Telford.

Anvone interested

Anyone interested should ring Mike Robin-son as soon as possible on 07971-559657.

# Saints restore pride in Champions League Champions League second qual round second leg Legia Warsaw 1 The New Saints O (Legia win 4-1 on agg)

THE New Saints marched out of their latest adventure on the big

their latest adventure on the big stage came to an early end despite a stubborn showing at Legia's Pepsi Arena. Trailing 3-1 from the first leg at Wrexham, the Welsh Premier high fliers faced a tall order in the return in Poland if they were to keep their flag flying in the Cham-pions League.

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The Oswestry-based side gave it a good go in front of a hostile crowd of around 17,000, but a goal early in the second half from Georgian international Vladimir Dvalishvili earned Legia a 1-0 victory

on the night and 4-1 aggregate as they progressed to the third quali-fying round with undue alarm. There, they meet Norwegians Molde FK, managed by former Manchester United ace Ole Gun-

Manchester United ace Oise Gun-nar Solskjær who himself has enjoyed many a famous night on the European stage.

For the Saints, in their 15th sea-son in Europe, they again fell short against classy opposition in the elite Champions League, but could point to positives as they worked tirelessly throughout to frustrate the endeavours of the Poles.

The damage, however, had been done in the second half at Wrex-ham seven days earlier when TNS shipped in three goals to leave

shipped in three goals to leave themselves with too much to do. Despite being in the driving seat, there was no less intensity from Legia in the return as they made the early running, with patient build-up on both flanks. Miroslav Radovic forced keeper Paul Harrison into a smart one handed save diving to his right in the fifth minute to keep out a well struck low drive from 25 yards. The Poles, with silky skills and

utes when Wilde just failed to make telling contact with a far post header after Jame Mullan had whipped in a cross from the left.
Dvalishvili saw his far post header superbly clawed away by Harrison from another flag kick to keep the sides level at half time.
However, any thoughts that the Saints could somehow wrest the initiative away from the hosts were ended seven minutes into the second half when Dvalishvili

neat touch, contined to push, but latched onto Radovic's perfectly the Saints were holding their own, and had a sight of goal on 15 minutes when Wilde just failed to Although just one goal separation. Although just one goal separated the sides at the Pepsi Arena, the Saints will take heart that they

the Saints will take heart that they went out with pride against one of Europe's big gruns.

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Club success is a family affair



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# **Trialist in** nudge to **Guils boss** with goal

TRIALIST Jack Harris found the net in a pre-sea-son outing for Guilsfield – but the Cymru Alliance side went down 2-1 at Bridg-north, writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.

BRIDGWATER.

As they continue their run of friendlies, the Guils had a good workout in humid conditions and took an early lead with a cleanly struck volley from Harris.

However, they were pegged before half-time with a scranny equaliser and

a scrappy equaliser and Bridgnorth grabbed a sec-ond half winner. GUISLFIELD RES pre-

vailed 7-2 in their pre-season friendly against league new boys Forden, the visitors four goals up at the interval.

A brace from Sam Sefton gave LLANRHAEADR a gave LLANRHAEADR a two-goal lead but LLAN-FAIR UNITED hit back to

MORDA UNITED ham-mered Shawbury reserves 11-0, with Mark Lunt net-ting a hat-trick in the club's biggest win of pre-se Penalty season.

Shawn Melusi and Dean Graham both scored twice with, Shin Miah, Ian Heath cock, Keith Meredith and Gareth Lewis also on target. WELSHPOOL, who drew 1-1 with Morda, were beaten 4-0 by Caersws in their next outing.

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WESTON RHYN went down 3-1 at home to Wrexham outfit Brickfield Rangers, with Matty Owen's side going behind to controversial 20th minute opener through Edgar Liam.

Scott Williams doubled the lead from the penalty spot on the stroke of half time, and the visitors made it three with another

it three with another penalty midway through the second period from Luke

Rhyn reduced the arrears on 69 minutes through Chris Bishop's lob following Matty Evans' ball over the

## **Monty man** is on move

MONTGOMERY striker Rhydian Morris has signed for Spar Mid Wales League rivals Berriew whose side looks to be shaping up well for the new season ahead. They defeated Oswestry Villa 5-0 in their latest friendly in midweek with Karl Selicarts, a summer capture from Llanidloes Town, netting a hat-trick along with Marc Jones and Elliot Jones.



Mark Robinson - Oswestry are always wary of Fordhouses trip

# League leaders have a score to settle Welshpool

NOW they're back on top of the Birmingham Cricket League division two, Oswestry captain Mark Robinson wants his side to stay there. But he will be wary of Saturday's trip to rock bottom Fordhouses who were surprising nine wicket winners when the sides met at Morda Road back in May.

That was the Wolverhampton strugglers' only win of the season, and Robinson – whose team were humbled for just 67 that day – knows they simply cannot take anything for granted if they are to press their title claims. "Every time I've played against Fordhouses, they've beaten us, so we certainly won't be treating them lightly," he said. "It was good conditions to bowl in when we played them earlier in the season, but we batted badly that day.

"We definitely owe them one, and it would be a good time to put it right. We've just got to try and keep winning and make sure we keep our distance at the top."

In the next three weeks, Oswestry take on three of the bottom four sides (with games against Attock and Coventry coming up), while the final six league games become a straight knockout format.

### Crushing

The batting is strengthened by the return of Alex Huxley for this weekend's action, the one change from last week's crushing 132-run victory over Stratford.

That win now sees Oswestry back in pole position, three points clear of previous leaders Old Elizabethans who drew with Whitchurch

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after rain curtailed their encounter. Harborne are 13 points behind in third. After the previous week's losing draw against fellow promotion candidates Harborne, the Morda Road men made the perfect response as they racked up 241-7 off 55 overs before dismissing Stratford for 109, Jonathan Miles bagging the final wicket just 10 minutes before heavy rain started to fall.

Oswestry made a shaky start after electing to bat, but 17-year-old Joe Carrasco took centre stage, just missing out on his maiden first team century when trapped lbw for 96, while skipper Robinson hammered 75 off just 39 balls.

Stratford were never in the hunt with Miles, the league's leading wicket taker, taking 3-49 and Warrick Fynn 4-31.

# cricketers face battle for survival

AFTER slipping into the basement places, Welsh-pool's cricketers are facing real fight on their hands in the coming weeks if they are to preserve their status in the Shropshire League division one.

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So they will be out to gain as many points as they can from Saturday's home clash with Pontesbury at Maesy-

with Pontesbury at Maesydre.

Pool could take heart from last week's display at unbeaten Wenlock, who were bowled out for 180 in their 45 overs after deciding to bat first.

They were 15-2 before skipper Chris Lewis (57) and Tanvir Rehman (38) helped repair the innings, with Mat Mcwhinnie emerging with fine figures of 3-8 from five overs, while Sam Birch and Rob Birch both took 3-57 off 11 overs.

Rob Birch both took 3-57 off 11 overs. Welshpool were looking in a little trouble in reply, hav-ing reached 33-3 off 11.4 overs, when the rain came to render the match a draw. Joe Birch was bowled for 15 and Ryan Prston caught for 12, Daud Islam proving a handful with 2-8 off 5.4 overs.

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MONTGOMERY, who host Madeley on Saturday, continue to flirt with basement danger in the reserve division one after suffering a 42-run loss at promotion chasing Shelton.

Jones aims

to top spot

# SAINTS ARE CLOSE **EW ADDITION**

THE New Saints expect to wing in on another new signing this week as head coach Carl Darlington stresses the Oswestry-based club are determined to be back in the Champions League next summer.

The Welsh Premier champions savoured another night in the European limelight in Poland last week, but are still keen to strengthen their squad ahead of the new league season as they bid for a successful defence of the title.

the new league season as t

"Last week was the best
European night I've been
involved in and it felt like a
win despite going out," said
Darlington after the 1-0 loss
at Legia Warsaw, who took
the second qualifying round
tie 4-1 on aggregate.

"The challenge now is to
make sure we're back in the
Champions League next season, which is where we want
to be.

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"The hard work starts again now and for the next 32 league games, but the players are fully focused as they are hungry for more."

Price

I must be first leg 3-

After losing the first leg 3-1 in Wrexham against the Polish giants, TNS went out with plenty of pride following a 1-0 loss in the return leg at Legia's Pepsi Arena.
"Everyone can be really proud of what they achieved against one of the top seeds in the draw," added Darlington. "Against most other teams in the draw, that performance would have got us through to the next round, so it was disappointing to go out.

out.
"But everyone can be proud of the way they played, and we have to make sure we do it again next sea-

son.
"It was not the biggest crowd (around 16,000) we have played in front of, but they were the most hostile.

## by John Bridgwater

It was an incredible and sur-real atmosphere and, unlike

real atmosphere and, unlike past European games in Anderlecht, FC Midtjylland and Helsingborgs, the players did no freeze.

"We played some good football right from the first whistle, looked good in possession, defended really well and had a few chances ourselves. For their supporters to clap us off at the end, says a lot about our performance."

ance."

After a few days off, TNS were back in training this week as they prepared for a friendly at Colwyn Bay on Setunder.

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That will be followed by an attractive behind closed doors friendly at Champi-onship side Middlesbrough on Tuesday at Boro's train-

ing ground in Rockcliffe Park.

ing ground in Rockcliffe Park.
Director of football Craig Harrison will take his side back home', with the defender having come through the ranks at the Teesiders before breaking into the first team aged 19. He helped his side reach a second successive final in the then named Coca-Cola Cup.
After a successful debut season, Gateshead-born Harrison, went on to make another 25 first team appearances that season and was part of the squad that helped the Teesiders gain promotion to the English Premier League. In total, he played 31 times for the club before joining Crystal Palace in August, 2000.

# **Gwilt off to China**

WELSH doubles prospects Daniel Font and Guilsfield's Oliver Gwilt are due to take to the court next week in the world badminton championships in Guangzhou, China. The young Welsh pair will play their first match on Tuesday against a Russian pairing that they are ranked 20 places above. If they win through, then they play the No12 seeds from Korea.

Gwilt and his doubles partner Font are currently ranked 83 in the world and also have a very strong chance of competing in the senior Commonwealth games in Glasgow next year as they only need to be ranked 60 or less in the world to have automatic qualification.

# Atherton now a record-breaker



Rachel Atherton (centre) on the podium after her Andorra win. Pic: Sven Martin

DOWNHILL rider Rachel Atherton main-

DOWNHILL rider Rachel Atherton maintained her amazing form by landing another stunning World Cup victory — and in the process smashed the British record.

The Llanrhaeadr ace had defied intense pressure in the third round in Valinoral, Andorra to land victory on a brutal track in the women's elite to become the British mountain biker with most World Cup wins to her name in the history of the sport after overtaking Steve Peat's previous best of 17. It was an incredible achievement from Atherton whose brother Gee had to settle for second place in the mens' elite on the same day.

The pair will be out to keep it in the family

The pair will be out to keep it in the family again as they go gunning for more success when their GT Factory Racing team head to Mont St Anne in Quebec, Canada for the fourth round next weekend (August 10-11). "I'm so proud to take this win and want to thank everyone who has helped me – the whole Athy Racing team, especially team director Dan Brown, my mum and dad, Gee and Affy, Ben and everyone else out there who kept believing," she said. Gee's race run was delayed by a massive crash involving Cam Cole who was taken to hospital as a precaution after landing on his head.



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